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News Tracker ... What's new with old news

States

Hunter S. Thompson memorial: Friends and family of the late Hunter S. Thompson gathered Saturday night at a luxury hotel to remember the writer with a private party. In keeping with Thompson's wishes, the memorial celebration at the Hotel Jerome in this mountain resort town was closed to reporters and the public. Aspen residents honored Thompson's legacy for privacy.

World

Madrid bombings: The prime minister has urged media outlets not to broadcast grisly footage and photos of the Madrid train bombings as Spain marks the attacks' first anniversary this week, saying it will make victims suffer unduly.

News coverage "at all times must respect the victims' pain," Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero said Saturday in an interview with the private Foundation for Victims of Terrorism. The government has declared Friday's anniversary a day of national mourning.

British royal wedding: The forthcoming wedding of Prince Charles and Camilla Parker Bowles is good for Britain and people should support it, the former Archbishop of Canterbury said Sunday.

A local registry is expected to rule soon on nine formal objections that have been filed against the marriage plans. The objections were filed by unidentified Britons on Friday, the deadline for such challenges.

James Brown in Indonesia: Legendary soul singer James Brown said Sunday that Michael Jackson was being "set up" in his child molestation trial and that the embattled performer should be touring tsunami-hit Asia rather than defending himself.

Speaking in Indonesia ahead of a concert Sunday, the 71-year-old Godfather of Soul also claimed to be the root of modern music. "All the music playing the last part of the 20th century was all James Brown," he said. "The 21st century is just James Brown period. Whether it's rap, hip hop, gospel, or country doesn't make no difference. They are all using my stuff and I'm glad because I've been able to bring something to music."

Brown said he came to Indonesia in part to raise awareness about the Dec. 26 tsunami that killed more than 173,000 people in 11 countries around the Indian Ocean.

N. Korea nuke talks: North Korean leaders told China they are ready to resume six-nation nuclear talks, the Chinese foreign



Pope's recovery: Pope John Paul II waves to faithful Sunday as he appears for the traditional Angelus prayer at a window of his apartment on the 10th floor of Rome's Gemelli Polyclinic Hospital, in this picture released by Vatican newspaper L'Osservatore Romano. The pope looked alert as he sat behind the closed window, repeatedly raising his arms to bless the crowd, but he did not speak during the three-minute appearance. Residents in the pope's hometown of Wadowice, Poland, held special prayers and signed a book of greetings that will be delivered to the pope. Orthodox Christians in Bucharest, Romania, also prayed for the pontiff, who visited the nation in 1999, his first trip to a Christian Orthodox country.

minister said Sunday, but he didn't say whether Pyongyang attacked any condition.

China has been trying to arrange new talks on the North's nuclear program. Pyongyang announced Feb. 10 that it had produced nuclear weapons and had no interest in returning to the disarmament talks.

Responding to a message from Chinese President Hu Jintao, the North Korean leadership said it "remained ready and willing to continue to participate in the six-party talks," Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing said.

China's defense budget: A general in charge of finance for China's military says Beijing doesn't spend enough on defense even after the announcement of another double-digit annual budget increase.

"Compared with other major countries in the world, the military expenditures of our country are still at a fairly low level," the official Xinhua News Agency quoted Maj. Gen. Ding Jiye as saying.

China announced Friday its military budget will rise 12.6 percent this year to \$29.9 billion — a figure that analysts say is probably far less than its true spending. It was the fourth double-digit increase in five years.

Bobby Fischer deportation saga: American chess champion Bobby Fischer could be

deported to the United States to face tax evasion charges, a Japanese news report said Sunday.

The report by the national Mainichi newspaper could signal more trouble for Fischer as he battles a separate Japanese-deportation order to the United States and tries to win free passage to Iceland. Fischer, 61, has been held by Japanese immigration authorities since being arrested in July while trying to board a plane to the Philippines allegedly using an invalid U.S. passport.

Congo violence: Children as young as 8 and women are among the militia who have attacked several villages in Congo's violent Ituri province, killing dozens and forcing more than 70,000 from their homes, a United Nations spokesman said.

Militias suspected of killing nine U.N. peacekeepers in northeastern Congo have also taken thousands of people hostage to use as sex slaves and to ferry gold and other minerals, said U.N. spokesman Kemal Sakik.

U.N. peacekeepers negotiated the release of more than 1,500 hostages in early February, and assisted another 3,700 who were kidnapped and later released by ethnic Lendu militia, said Maj. Amer Zaid, spokesman for U.N. troops in Congo, on Saturday.

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Flam award honors Yokota IG office's work

BY T.D. FLACK
Stars and Stripes

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — The 374th Airlift Wing Inspector General Office recently was awarded the Pacific Air Forces 2004 John P. Flynn Award for outstanding service and mission support.

Next up, in May, is the Air Force-wide competition during the Worldwide Inspector General Conference in the United States.

Col. Michael Koster, Yokota's inspector general, credits Maj. Michael J. Mills and Master Sgt. Edwin E. Holland, who run the Complaints and Inquiry office, for the award.

Mills and Holland are "proactive by their very nature and are well-respected by their peers, so they're effective," Koster said.

Holland said an aggressive campaign to educate the base community helped to reduce the number of complaints and investigations in 2004.

According to base officials, the IG's mission includes evaluating critical areas essential for mission performance and serving as a tool for commanders to assess their units. They're to expedite complaints resolution through investigations and education, and run a fraud, waste and abuse program.

Holland and Mills catch incoming pressure during the "Right Start" base introduction program. They also speak during the First Term Airman Center Program — in which airmen at their first duty station are briefed on life in the service — and during noncommissioned officer and senior

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noncommissioned officer professional development courses.

Holland said to explain their mission to the younger troops, they use different strategies, incorporating "scenarios that are more interactive."

Koster also said his staff has done a great job establishing contact with other base agencies, which might be better able than the IG's office to address some peo-

ple's needs. Instead of saying, "No, that's not an IG issue," Koster said, his staff works at "getting people together to solve the problem."

Professional and personal relationships are key to a strong IG office, Koster said. He will send Mills, now on temporary duty, to the Air Force-wide conference in May.

Both Koster and Holland stressed the conference is a great place to network and to share ideas for improving their mission.

Holland said he's received many calls since Yokota won the award.

"It only makes our individual offices better," Holland said.

Koster also thanked 374th Airlift Wing Commander Col. Mark Schissler, saying the program can be only as successful as its commander allows.

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Turnabout is fair play

Winning awards puts PAOs themselves in the news

BY T.D. FLACK
Stars and Stripes

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — The people who help tell Yokota's story from behind the scenes were recognized for their work during the recently released 2004 Pacific Air Forces Public Affairs Excellence Awards.

A busy year — including more than 50 community relations events, a 21,000-gallon fuel spill, three helicopter precautionary landings, and humanitarian relief efforts in Japan and South Asia — kept the staff hopping, according to Capt. David Westover, 374th public affairs officer and outstanding "company grade" public affairs officer of the year.

His office earned the "small wing" director's excellence award, the award for media relations and the award for special achievement in a crisis situation. Staff Sgt. Karen Tomaski was selected wing outstanding public affairs noncommissioned officer, and Airman 1st Class Katie Thomas was named outstanding public affairs airman.

Col. Mark Schissler, 374th Airlift Wing commander, was given a special achievement award for "commander support."

Westover attributes the wing's success to the people who work for him.

"I'm fortunate enough to lead an incredible staff," he said. He called Thomas and Tomaski "great strategic thinkers and planners."

Public affairs unit awards

Public affairs director's excellence award, large wing (base population equal to or more than 4,000): 35th Fighter Wing, Misawa Air Base, Japan

Public affairs director's excellence award, small wing (base population equal to or less than 4,000): 374th Airlift Wing, Yokota Air Base, Japan

Public affairs director's excellence award for community relations: 51st Fighter Wing, Osan Air Base, South Korea

Public affairs director's excellence award for media relations: 374th Airlift Wing, Yokota Air Base, Japan

Public affairs director's excellence award for internal information: 354th Fighter Wing, Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska

Public affairs director's excellence award for special achievement, planned single event, program or product: Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, for Resolute Fury USAF Band of the Pacific-Asia, Yokota Air Base, Japan, for Operation Pacific Greetings and 18th Wing, Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, for Special Olympics

Public affairs director's excellence award for special achievement in a crisis situation: 374th Airlift Wing, Yokota Air Base, Japan

Public affairs individual awards

Outstanding public affairs field grade officer: (a) Major Command — Lt. Col. Stephen Clutter, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii; (b) Wing — Maj. Michael Paoli, 18th Wing, Kadena Air Base, Okinawa

Outstanding public affairs company grade officer: (a) Major Command — Capt. David Faggard, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii; (b) Wing — Capt. David Westover, 374th Airlift Wing, Yokota Air Base, Japan

He also said his Japanese staff members are often in the office "longer than I am."

Westover also thanked Schissler for his support.

"He fully supports the PA mission and knows the value of it," Westover said of Schissler.

Westover's staff worked 34 major stories during the year and answered more than 800 news queries.

They also improved, Westover said.

After the first precautionary landing, Westover admits he was a "bit slow to get info out." But he used the experience to map out a checklist. When the second incident occurred, Westover and a translator were one of the first helicopters to the scene to speak to the Japanese press and express base concerns.

Westover also said the base community relations events helped in the overall awards. He pointed to the more than 130,000 visitors at the Friendship Festival and about 2,000 visitors who came to the base for Halloween trick-or-treating.

The United States Air Force Band of the Pacific-Asia, based at Yokota, also was honored in the awards. The band earned a special achievement award for its Operation Pacific Greetings program and Senior Airman Natalie Madison was named outstanding band airman.

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Outstanding public affairs intermediate grade civilian (GS-4 to GS-11): Jon Souder, 3rd Wing, Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska

Outstanding host nation employee of the year: Kyoko Hasegawa, 35th Fighter Wing, Misawa Air Base, Japan

Outstanding public affairs senior noncommissioned officer: (a) Major Command — Master Sgt. Debra Clayton, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii; (b) Wing — Master Sgt. Andrew Gates, 354th Fighter Wing, Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska

Outstanding public affairs noncommissioned officer: (a) Major Command — Staff Sgt. Martin Jackson, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii; (b) Wing — Staff Sgt. Karen Tomaski, 374th Airlift Wing, Yokota Air Base, Japan

Outstanding public affairs airman: Airman 1st Class Katie Thomas, 374th Airlift Wing, Yokota Air Base, Japan

Outstanding Reserve component public affairs officer: Ronald J. Satter, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii

Outstanding public affairs officer: Capt. Jeffrey Warner, USAF Band of the Pacific-Asia Air Force, Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska

Outstanding band senior noncommissioned officer: Senior Master Sgt. David Love, USAF Band of the Pacific-Asia Air Force, Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska

Outstanding band noncommissioned officer: Staff Sgt. John Prister, USAF Band of the Pacific-Asia Air Force, Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska

Outstanding band airman: Senior Airman Natalie Madison, USAF Band of the Pacific-Asia Air Force, Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska

Outstanding contribution to public affairs: Senior Airman Mary Hubbard, 354th Fighter Wing, Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska

Special achievement for commander support: Col. Mark Schissler, 374th Airlift Wing, Yokota Air Base, Japan

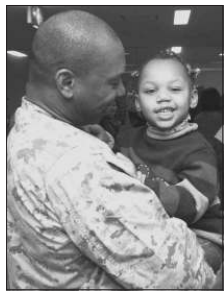
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Checking out what to do, where to go



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Camp Zama residents come to the camp's community center Saturday to talk with vendors about tours and activities in Japan and the Pacific at the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Adventure Fair.



PHOTOS BY ERIK SLAVIN Stars and Stripes

Above: Capt. Burrell Parmer holds his daughter at Kadena Air Base early Sunday morning after returning from Iraq. Parmer came home with about 170 Marines and sailors to prepare for the rest of the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit's expected April arrival. Right: The unit's advance team members arrive at Kadena.



130 members of 31st MEU back from Iraq

Advance team home early to prepare for rest of unit's return in April

BY ERIK SLAVIN
Stars and Stripes

KADENA AIR BASE, Okinawa — Functioning on two hours of sleep, Christina Rooney waited anxiously Sunday morning with her two children for her husband, Capt. David Rooney, to return from Iraq.

It's been weeks since she had a good night of shut-eye, she said, explaining it's never easy to wait for a spouse to return from deployment.

"The last month out is the longest of your life," Rooney said. "You never get used to it."

By 6:20 a.m., the 130 Marines from the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, and 40 other Marines and sailors sent to Iraq to augment the force, emerged from their 12-hour flight from Kuwait and poured through the doors to welcoming tears and hugs.

The arrivals are part of an advance team that's to prepare equipment and barracks on Okinawa for the rest of the 31st MEU's 2,200 members, who are to return aboard the USS Essex Amphibious Readiness Group in April, said a Marine spokesman.

The 31st MEU patrolled the perilous western Iraqi province of Al Anbar, a 33,000-square-mile area roughly the size of South Carolina. Their patrol area included borders with Jordan, Syria and Saudi Arabia.

During the January elections, they provided security for 54 of Iraq's polling stations. The unit paid a heavy price during its service: 50 Marines died, and 221 were injured.

Most servicemembers returning home Sunday had been deployed for six months to a year. They were greeted by generals and a full band, a welcome often reserved for larger contingents.

Some Marines received their first greetings from children they had never met. Sgt. Stephen Miles met his 4-month-old daughter, Skylar, for the first time after his seven-month deployment.

"I'm overwhelmed, at a loss for words," Miles said. "This makes you realize what is important."

Miles and others said they received frequent photos and updates on their families via the Internet. But that's still only a substitute for human contact, as Lance Cpl. Michael Mortimer learned after being stationed in an intelligence role near the western Iraqi border.

"It was a lot more difficult than I thought it would be," Mortimer said. "The separation from family and friends was worse than I expected."

He said the hands-on intelligence work he did in the border areas was more in-

tense than he imagined, far more so than the work he does on Okinawa.

The task at the Iraqi border is complex, requiring cooperation among four different nations, he said.

"We've been a lot more focused on strengthening relations between the bordering countries and helping the Iraqis form their own border forces to stop the insurgents," he said.

With a two-day customs process and a 12-hour flight from Kuwait behind them, many of the servicemembers said they were looking forward to doing as little as possible before returning to work. After greeting his wife at the AMC terminal, for instance, Maj. Marty Buterworth said he was ready for some peace and quiet.

"I'm going to enjoy relaxing in my home without all of my best friends around," Buterworth said.

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60th anniversary bringing Iwo Jima vets to Guam

BY FRED ZIMMERMAN
Stars and Stripes

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — Veterans of the historic battle of Iwo Jima were to begin arriving on Guam on Monday to meet and prepare for the upcoming annual ceremony that will pay tribute to the bloody battle's 60th anniversary.

Seventy World War II veterans will attend the ceremony Saturday on Iwo Jima, with more than 280 family members traveling with them, according to Tom Goresch, director of Micronesia operations for Military Historical Tours, who has arranged the trip. Goresch said not all 70 veterans fought on Iwo Jima — though a majority of the group did.

Included in this year's trip, he said, are two men who fought on Iwo Jima and went on to become general officers, and a Navajo code talker who fought on the island.

The typical tour group size is about 100, Goresch said, but with this year being the battle's 60th anniversary, more veterans and family members than usual are making the trip.

The veterans and family members will spend the week on Guam taking half-day trips throughout the island. Tour stops include battlefield sites, Spanish ruins, a local cultural village, the War Dog Memorial and a visit to the Naval Station museum. The group also will make three stops on Andersen Air Force Base — at

the Andersen Heritage Display, the wives' club gift shop and the Linebacker II Memorial at Arc Light Memorial Park.

"I was surprised," Staff Sgt. Theresa Cooper, a public affairs representative who is organizing the Andersen visit, said about the bigger group of visitors this year. "It's very gratifying. We've put a call out for volunteer tour guides."

Approximately 20 Air Force volunteers have answered the call. "This is an opportunity for troops to participate in an event that's very dear to our veterans," Cooper told them.

On Friday night, the group will have an Iwo Jima anniversary banquet on Guam with national and local dignitaries. The next morning, the veterans will have

their chance to once again stand on the black beaches of Iwo Jima.

There they will meet with a handful of their Japanese counterparts and lay wreaths at the Remembrance of Honor Monument on a hill overlooking Yellow Beach. Each year on March 12, the one-time enemies meet there in friendship to honor the men who never left the island.

Marines from Okinawa will head to the island that day to lend their support. The III Marine Expeditionary Force Band will be on hand to provide music, and other Marines will serve as a rifle detail, ceremonial platoon and the Color Guard. Marines also will be at eight of the island historic sites to explain the significance of that area to those on the tour.

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Japanese class

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Registration for the \$10 class begins March 21 for troops and March 28 for civilians.

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Volunteer awards

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — Nomination deadline for the base's 2004 Annual Volunteer Recognition Awards is March 16.

Call Yokota's Family Support Center at DSN 225-8725 for more information or to pick up a nomination packet.

From staff reports

Italian journalist rejects American account of attack

BY MARIA SANMINIATELLI
The Associated Press

ROME — The Italian journalist wounded by American troops in Iraq after her release by insurgents rejected the U.S. military's account of the shooting and declined Sunday to rule out the possibility she was deliberately targeted. The White House said it was a "horrific accident" and promised a full investigation.

Meanwhile, an autopsy performed on the agent who died trying to save Giuliana Sgrena reportedly showed he was struck in the temple by a single round and died instantly as the car carrying Sgrena sped to the Baghdad airport.

Friday's shooting that wounded the 56-year-old journalist and killed Italian intelligence officer Nicola Calipari as they were celebrating her freedom has fueled anti-American sentiment in a country where people are deeply opposed to U.S. policy in Iraq.

Sgrena, who works for the communist daily Il Manifesto, did not rule out that she was targeted, saying the United States likely disapproved of Italy's methods to secure her release, although she did not elaborate.

Italian officials have not provided details about the negotiations leading to Sgrena's release Friday after a month in captivity, but Agriculture Minister Giovanni Alemanno was quoted as saying it was "very likely" a ransom was paid. U.S. officials object to ransoms, saying it encourages further kidnappings.

White House counselor Dan Bartlett said Sunday the shootings were a "horrific accident" and pointed out that President Bush had called Berlusconi to offer condolences and promise a full investigation.

The U.S. military has said the car Sgrena was riding in was speeding, and Americans used hand and arm signals, flashing white lights and warning shots to get it to stop at the roadblock.

But in an interview with Italian La 7 TV, Sgrena said, "There was no bright light, no signal." She also said the car was traveling at "regular speed."

Sgrena also recalled how Calipari, who led negotiations for her release, died after throwing himself over her when the shooting broke out as they were celebrating her freedom on the way to the airport.



Residents of the Al-Wahda neighborhood, south of Baghdad, protest outside the Convention Center in the heavily fortified Green Zone in Baghdad on Sunday. The protesters say a lack of security in their neighborhood leaves them open to attacks.

Kurds, Shiites get top Iraq jobs; assembly set to meet March 16

BY PATRICK QUINN
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraqi politicians set March 16 for the opening of the country's first democratically elected parliament in modern history as a deal hardened Sunday to name Jalal Talabani, a leader of the minority Kurds, to the largely ceremonial presidency.

The powerful prime minister's job will go to Ibrahim al-Jaafari, a Islamic conservative Shiite who is leader of the Dawa party. His nomination, which the Kurds have agreed to, has been endorsed by the most powerful Shiite cleric in Iraq — Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani.

"This was one of our firm demands and we agreed on it previously. The agreement states that Jalal Talabani takes the presidential post and one of the United Iraqi Alliance members takes the prime minister's post," Talabani spokesman Azad Jundi said.

He added, however, that the clergy-backed United Iraqi Alliance also reached a preliminary agreement with the Kurds on their other conditions — including extending their territories to include Kirkuk.

Jundi said they wanted the deal on paper before going through with it, while alliance officials, including Ahmad Chalabi, said those negotiations were not over.

Baghdad's new Shiite governor, Ali Fadhl al-Imseer, took office Sunday to become the city's first democratically elected municipal official since the fall of Saddam Hussein. Provincial and municipal elections were held alongside national ones on Jan. 30.

In northern Mosul, 225 miles north of Baghdad, gunmen killed a prominent Sunni Arab politician. Hana Abdul Qader, a lawyer and former member of Mosul's previous city council, was shot as she left her home, said Nour Al-Din Saied, a spokesman for the Iraqi Islamic party in Mosul.

U.S. soldiers assigned to the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force and Iraqi forces arrested more than 60 suspected insurgents in the city of Hawsa, 31 miles south of Baghdad, on Saturday, a U.S. military announcement said Sunday.

State-run Al-Iraqiya television also reported that Barham Saleh, a Kurd who is the deputy prime minister for national security affairs, confirmed that the 275-seat National Assembly elected more than one month ago would convene on March 16.

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U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Saturday, at least 1,507 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 1,142 died as a result of hostile action, according to the Defense Department. The figures include four military civilians.

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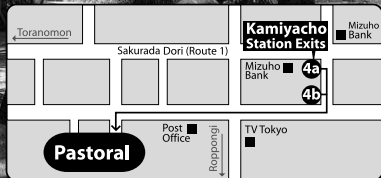
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IN THE WORLD

Madrid summit may favor tackling the causes of terrorism

The Associated Press

MADRID, Spain — Governments afflicted by extremist violence must address its causes if they hope to defeat it, not just strike back as the United States has done, say experts who will take part in a world conference on terrorism in Madrid this week.

Those causes include poverty, religious intolerance and failures to integrate a swelling tide of immigrants.

"The consensus ... is a 'soft' power approach based on prevention — not like the United States has in mind, but (rather) with engagement with North African Muslim nations, economic development, assimilating and integrat-

ing immigrants into host nations," Charles Powell, a history professor at San Pablo-CEU University in Madrid, said in an interview.

The conference, which runs from Tuesday to Friday, brings together world leaders including U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan, Afghan President Hamid Karzai and various heads of government or state, as well as about 180 experts from 50 countries. Annan is to deliver a major statement on terrorism on Thursday.

Discussions the first two days will focus on political, economic, religious and cultural explanations of terrorism, and appropriate police, intelligence and military responses.



Lebanese special forces soldiers ride on their armored personnel carriers Sunday during a security patrol in the Martyrs Square, where the opposition protesters held their daily demonstration against Syria, in central Beirut, Lebanon.

Syrian troops ready to begin leaving Lebanon

BY ZEINA KARAM
The Associated Press

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Syrian troops were to begin redeploying toward eastern Lebanon on Monday in a pullback that will take two or three days, Lebanon's defense minister said Sunday.

Abdul-Rahim Murad told The Associated Press that the withdrawal from Mount Lebanon and northern Lebanon toward the Bekaa Valley would begin directly after a Damascus meeting of the presidents of the two countries.

Also Sunday, the leader of the Hezbollah militant group called for a massive demonstration in Beirut this week against interna-

tional interference in Lebanon, to counter the weeks of anti-Syrian protests here.

The redeployment of the 14,000 Syrian troops to the Bekaa is the first phase of a two-step pullback that Syrian President Bashar Assad outlined in a speech to parliament on Saturday. His announcement, however, left it unclear whether Syrian forces would eventually leave Lebanon or remain inside the country near the border.

Later Saturday, Syrian Immigrant Affairs Minister Buthaina Shaban indicated Syrian troops would withdraw completely from Lebanon.

The details of the withdrawal

were to be finalized in a Monday meeting of the Supreme Syrian Lebanese Council, which comprises the top leadership of both countries.

White House counselor Dan Bartlett criticized Assad's announcement as being "more generalities and half-measures as opposed to living up to the international community's demands."

Speaking on CNN's "Late Edition," Bartlett said Syrian secret services and intelligence officials "that really keep the clamp of fear in the Lebanese people" must withdraw as well.

Assad, in his hour-long speech Saturday, did not mention pulling out intelligence agents from Lebanon — a key demand of the Lebanese opposition.

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China tells U.S., Japan to back off on Taiwan

BY JOE McDONALD

The Associated Press

BEIJING — China's foreign minister warned Japan and the United States on Sunday not to include Taiwan within the scope of their military alliance, saying Beijing would not permit interference in what it considers an internal matter.

The Communist Beijing government claims Taiwan, split from the mainland in 1949, as part of its territory and has threatened to attack if the island declares formal independence.

"Any practice of putting Taiwan directly or indirectly into the scope of Japan-U.S. security cooperation constitutes an encroachment on China's sovereignty and interference into China's internal

affairs," Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing said at a news conference held during the annual meeting of China's legislature.

"The Chinese government and the people are firmly against such activities," he said.

Li's comments came two weeks after China reacted angrily to a joint U.S.-Japanese declaration that reaffirmed the two governments' security arrangements and said they wanted to see the "peaceful resolution" of Taiwan's status.

China's legislature is preparing to enact an anti-secession law that officials say is meant to discourage Taiwan from trying to make its de facto independence permanent. Taiwanese leaders say the measure could set the stage for an attack on the island.

Washington is Taiwan's main arms supplier and could be drawn into any conflict over the island.

Li repeated Chinese criticisms of the U.S.-Japanese alliance as a Cold War relic and said such cooperation "ought to be strictly restricted to a bilateral nature."

"If it goes beyond a bilateral scope definitely it will allow uneasiness on the part of Asian countries and also bring about complicating factors to the regional security situation," he said.

Beijing regards Japan as its main rival for status as East Asia's dominant military power and responds angrily to any suggestion that Tokyo might extend the reach of its forces. Taiwan was a Japanese colony in 1895-1945 and maintains friendly ties with Tokyo.

Taiwanese protest China's planned anti-secession law

The Associated Press

KAOSHUNG, Taiwan — More than 15,000 protesters marched in Taiwan on Sunday, denouncing China's planned anti-secession law and vowing to fight what they claim is Beijing's attempt to force its self-ruled, democratic island to unify with the mainland.

"Taiwanese stand up, oppose China's hegemony," the protesters chanted as they marched, wearing red headbands, through Taiwan's southern city of Kaohsiung.

Taiwan-China tensions have risen recently over Beijing's plan to pass the anti-secession legislation, which Taiwanese leaders say could set the stage for an attack on the island.

The two sides split amid civil war in 1949, but Beijing insists Taiwan is part of its territory and has repeatedly threatened to attack if Taipei formalizes its de facto independence or drags its feet on unification talks. Taiwanese President Chen Shui-bian, whose party is allied with the Solidarity Union, did not join the protest — apparently to avoid provoking Beijing.



World Championship Tour surfers and locals surfers ride on the world's longest surfboard to set an unofficial Guinness World Record in Australia's Gold Coast on Saturday. The record attempt is part of the "TsunamiRun," a charity set up to raise funds for tsunami victims.

Dude, that's a big surfboard

The Associated Press

CANBERRA, Australia — More than 40 surfers cruised into the record books Saturday when they successfully rode a giant surfboard off an Australian beach, breaking the previous world record set by an English team of 14 people in 2003.

More than 5,000 people gathered Saturday to watch riders conquer the 40-foot-long, 10-foot-wide board, newspapers reported. The board, created by board shaper New Hyman, arrived by seairliner. More than 20 people carried it to the surf.

The riders at the Queensland state tourist city Gold Coast, where the Quiksilver and Roxy Pro Surfer competitions were held, included pro surfers Chris Ward of California and Australian champion Danny Wells. Newspaper reports of how many riders took part ranged from 44 to 47.

Hyman said the four-minute ride to shore was worth the monthlong effort to build the board.

"It was the best four minutes of my surfing life. It went in strong and straight," Hyman told Queensland's The Sunday Mail newspaper. The board that set the 2003 record was 36 feet long.

Sinn Fein leader urging killers to 'be men,' confess

BY SHAWN POGATCHNIK

The Associated Press

DUBLIN, Ireland — Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams said Sunday that the killers of a Belfast man have dragged his party and the outlawed IRA "into the dirt" and demanded that they "be men" and admit their crime.

Sinn Fein's annual conference, which ended Sunday, has been overshadowed by the Jan. 30 slaying of Robert McCartney, who was fatally beaten and stabbed by IRA members.

Nobody has been charged, even though the attack began in a crowded pub.

McCartney's sisters, who live in a hard-line Catholic district of Belfast that is a power base of the IRA, have waged an exceptional public campaign highlighting the intimidation of witnesses and the killers' careful cleanup of forensic evidence.

Detectives say a single witness has provided a statement identifying the attackers, making it impossible to bring charges.

Sinn Fein, which initially criticized police efforts to identify the killers and denied IRA involvement, have been forced to change tack because of the McCartney campaign.

Last week Sinn Fein suspended seven members allegedly involved, following an IRA move to expel three of its members.

On Saturday, four of McCartney's sisters traveled to Dublin to sit in the front row of the Sinn Fein conference to hear Adams appeal for McCartney's killers to hand themselves in. He returned to the theme Sunday.

McCartney's killers "have brought the good name of (Irish) republicanism into the dirt," said Adams, whom the Irish government identifies as an IRA commander.

"Those who did the deed should come forward — should be men — and should come forward and redeem themselves," he said.

However, the McCartney family said it remains unsatisfied that witnesses will come forward, given the IRA's traditional policy of killing "informers" and the Sinn Fein IRA movement's rejection of the authority of the Northern Ireland police. Sinn Fein has repeatedly stated its preference for witnesses to give statements to lawyers or, in a more recent suggestion, to the police-complaints authority.

Support builds for jailed Egyptian 'hero'

BY SARAH EL-DEEB

The Associated Press

CAIRO, Egypt — For years, Ayman Nour had handed out charity in a densely populated neighborhood of Cairo's old city — helping people find jobs, paying pensions to the elderly and opening a medical center.

Now each week, hundreds of supporters gather in the same neighborhood to call for the release of the current star of Egypt's reform movement, whose

arrest angered Washington and caused Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice to refer to Nour as a "hero" of democracy and cancel a recent visit here.

His work in the old city is the populist side of an ambitious politician. Since high school, Nour, now 40, has skillfully maneuvered through the highest reaches of Egypt's stagnant political system — monopolized by a single party for a half-century — to emerge, for some, as a national hero who can bring new blood and, for others, as

a fraud backed by foreigners.

His Jan. 29 arrest prompted supporters to accuse Egypt's government of trying to smear and eliminate a possible challenger in upcoming presidential elections. The government charges him with forging signatures to register his party. Nour touted his "solutions" for Egypt's problems — calling on the country to shed socialism, begin democratic reforms, and empower economic institutions with a social role, while the state reduces its role.



Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams, wearing eyeglasses, sits Saturday with the sisters of Robert McCartney, Paula, left, Catherine, second right, and Donna before addressing the Sinn Fein party conference in Dublin.

Canada debates pot laws after Mounties killed



The flag at the Mayerthorpe Royal Canadian Mounted Police detachment is lowered to half-staff.

BY ROB GILLIES
The Associated Press

TORONTO — The slayings of four Mounties during a raid has added new controversy to the debate about whether Canada should decriminalize the possession of small amounts of marijuana.

Canada's ruling Liberal party debated its proposed law at a policy convention in Ottawa on Saturday, two days after the deadliest attack on Canadian police officers in 120 years.

The four Royal Canadian Mounted Police officers were killed at an Alberta farm where there was a small marijuana-growing operation. The suspect apparently killed himself.

The slayings triggered a national debate over the Liberals' proposed law and whether it goes far enough to discourage growing operations while decriminalizing possession of small amounts of marijuana.

Under the bill, getting caught with 15 grams — about half an

ounce — or less of marijuana would bring a citation akin to a traffic ticket, not a criminal record.

While possession of marijuana would remain illegal, the bill is intended to prevent young people from being saddled with a life-long criminal record.

At the same time, the maximum sentence for illegal growers would be increased to 14 years in prison from the current seven, while trafficking would remain punishable by up to life in prison.

Almost 600 Liberal convention delegates at a justice workshop endorsed nonbinding resolutions that would alter the proposed bill.

They simultaneously endorsed resolutions that would see pot legalized, taxed and federally regulated — while also voting to impose mandatory minimum sentences on convicted grow operators.

But neither resolution was debated by the full convention plenary of about 2,500 delegates, meaning neither became official party policy over the weekend.

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Muting lip-synchers

BEIJING — Chinese government advisers meeting in Beijing this week have some weighty matters to discuss: blocking Taiwan's formal independence, alleviating dire poverty in the countryside.

And lip-synching. Ma Bomin, an official with Shanghai's municipal radio, film and television administration, likens the practice of performers pretending to sing to selling fake goods. She wants to pass a law making it a crime for a performer to do so without first notifying audience members.

"Fake singing is no different from trading in fakes. It should be resolutely boycotted and shunned," Ma was quoted as saying in Saturday's Beijing News.

Japan's Maglev opens

TOKYO — Japan's first commercially operating magnetic-levitation train, or Maglev, opened for business Sunday, carrying passengers along a 5.5-mile track that will serve as one of the main links to the 2005 World Fair.

The linear motor car, or Lini-mo, departed Ban'yaku Yakuza station near the central Japanese city of Nagoya at 5:30 a.m., Aichi prefectural government official Yukihiko Nakano said.

The train, which cost an estimated \$190 million, resembles other Japanese lines in appearance except that it has no wheels and travels on an electromagnetic cushion several inches above its tracks.

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Study-abroad ended over Spain's Iraq policy

The Associated Press

MISSION VIEJO, Calif. — Leaders of two community colleges in southern California have ended their schools' study-abroad program in Spain, citing the country's troop withdrawal from Iraq.

The trustees of the South Orange County Community College District, which includes Irvine Valley College and Saddleback College, voted 5-2 last week to cancel the 14-year-old summer program.

"Spain has abandoned our fighting men and women, withdrawing their support," said trustee Tom Fuentes. "I see no reason to send students of our colleges to Spain at this moment in history."

Spain's new Socialist government, which came to power in elections held days after the Madrid train bombings that killed 191 people in March 2004, fulfilled an election promise to pull 1,300 Spanish troops from Iraq last year.

The decision by Spain's former conservative government to send troops to Iraq had been deeply unpopular in the country.

Fuentes, a former head of the Republican Party in Orange County, said the Madrid train attack also raised concerns about student safety. The district serves nearly 35,000 students.

Although students were allowed to visit Spain three months after the bombings, Fu-

entes said "the terrorist situation is all the more prevalent and obvious today."

Trustees also cited the program's expense and potential liability at the school district, although they approved a trip to Italy with higher daily costs.

"I'm still in shock," said Professor Carmenmaria Hernandez-Bravo, who runs the study-abroad program. "I cannot believe a community college can put this much politics into academics."

Moral issues attracting blacks to GOP

By DICK POLMAN

Knight Rider Newspapers

To understand why President Bush and the Republicans are gaining political strength in the black community, consider these remarks by Bishop Harry Jackson, senior pastor of a 2,500-member church in College Park, Md.: "I'm a registered Democrat, and I didn't vote for Bush in 2000, but now I'm a vehement supporter. Look at the moral issues... The Democrats are being held

hostage by their gay-rights agenda. They ignored black issues until the last weeks of the campaign. ... So I'm working with the Republicans now. And if the president follows through on reaching out to us, then more of the masses in the churches will be open to the Republicans in national elections."

Nervous Democrats fear Jackson may be right. Blacks have been loyal to the party since the civil-rights era, but Bush and the Republicans are now poised to grab a significant slice of that elec-

torate. If they can draw 20 percent of the black vote in pivotal states with large urban populations — an achievable goal — the Democrats would face serious hurdles in future presidential races.

Bush won only 11 percent of the black vote nationwide, but that figure is misleading. He drew 16 percent in pivotal Ohio, nearly doubling his 2000 share.

Without the bigger black vote, he would have eked out a slim victory, narrow enough for a Democratic court challenge.

Cents and Sensibility

Money tip of the day

A generation of retirees

MarketWatch

NEW YORK — Baby boomers are changing the face of retirement.

Unlike previous generations, when retirement was viewed as a time to wind down, baby boomers plan to spend their golden years cycling between work and leisure. So reports "The New Retirement Survey" from Merrill Lynch and Harris Interactive.

The report concludes that baby boomers are creating a whole new life stage. Here's how:

■ **Boomers are retiring later.** Members of the baby-boom generation (those born between 1946 and 1964) are expected to live an average seven years longer than their parents. As a result, many don't plan to retire by age 65, but instead work longer to further their goals, according to the survey of 4,458 in that age category.

■ **Boomers plan to change careers.** Seventy-six percent plan

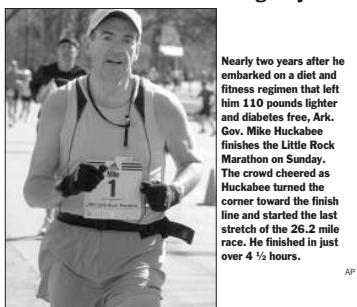
to "retire" from one job in their 60s, only to jump into another job or another career entirely. While past generations pursued careers such as board memberships or country-club presidencies, the boomers are making their lifelong passions happen — opening their own business, say, or turning a love of cooking into a career as a chef.

■ **Boomers are actively engaging their minds.** Some boomers (37 percent) will continue to work for the money. 67 percent say they want to feel challenged and stay mentally active. Their desires are fueling how they will spend their retirement, bouncing between work and leisure time.

■ **Boomers are making retirement about the younger generations.**

■ **Retirement is typically a "me" time for relaxation and fulfilling life dreams and pursuits.** But boomers say they are making it into a "we" time, often putting the needs of their children, parents and community before their own needs.

Marathon runner comes long way



Nearly two years after he embarked on a diet and fitness regimen that left him 110 pounds lighter and diabetes free, Ark. Gov. Mike Huckabee finishes the Little Rock Marathon on Sunday. The crowd cheered as Huckabee turned the corner toward the finish line and started the last stretch of the 26.2 mile race. He finished in just over 4 1/2 hours.

Stewart's image comes full circle after prison

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — At trial, she came off as Mean Martha: rude, demanding, cheap, the kind of person who would threaten to pull her business from a brokerage because she didn't like the music she heard when her call was on hold.

Then she went to prison and turned into St. Martha: advocate for the oppressed, friend to the lonely and forager for wild greens to spice up the jailhouse food. And on Friday, her first day outside the lockup, she waved graciously, chatted amiably and served hot cocoa to the press.

The transformation of Martha Stewart's image dates to five months ago, when she called a news conference to announce she was reporting to prison early, despite a pending legal appeal.

Since then, Stewart has projected a change in attitude that has helped repair her reputation and propel her company forward.

Stock prices for Martha Stewart

Living Omnimedia, which had lagged, quickly doubled. And as she worked off time in a West Virginia prison she found herself popular enough to be given starring roles in two upcoming TV shows.

"The thing about Americans is we like throwing you to the ground, and making you cry in front of the camera," Eric Denzelsbach said. "But if you do cry uncle we'll let you up."

When she was sentenced in July, a still-unrepentant Stewart said her "small personal matter" had become "an almost fatal circus event of unprecedented proportions."

Then, on Sept. 15, Stewart asked the judge to start her sentence as soon as possible. She came closer than ever to conviction, saying she wanted to end the "immense difficulty, immense sacrifice and immense agony" the ordeal had caused those close to her.

Three weeks later, Stewart was fingerprinted and strip-searched at the federal prison in Alderson, W.Va.

On Friday, Stewart barely waited for the sun to come up before celebrating the end of her ordeal and photographers by appearing outside. The topper was when she sent out paper cups of hot cocoa.

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Janet Jackson seeks restraining order

Janet Jackson is seeking a restraining order against a man she says has been stalking her for nine years and tried once to bring a box cutter and knife to a New York studio where she was rehearsing for a TV appearance.

The U.S. pop singer said in a motion filed Tuesday in Superior Court that she has become increasingly frightened of Robert Gardner, 46, of New York, since he was stopped by security guards as he tried to enter the rehearsal at NBC network's "Saturday Night Live" in April.

She is also seeking to restrict Gardner from contacting her family, as well as current and former employees. A hearing on her request for a preliminary injunction was set for March 17.

Jackson said in her affidavit that Gardner had been contacting her since 1996 and has faxed her several letters.

"These faxes reference a fabricated personal history between myself and Mr. Gardner, request that I meet with him and include his detailed travel plans," she said.



Jackson

Chesney cancels tour dates due to injury

Kenny Chesney has canceled the opening weekend of his "Somewhere in the Sun" tour after tearing ligaments in his right ankle.

The country singer said Thursday he fell on a staircase and will reschedule March 9-13 concerts — in Green Bay, Wis., Fargo, N.D., and St. Paul, Minn. — for later in the month. "I know the fans in Green Bay, Fargo and St. Paul are gonna be disappointed," Chesney said in a statement posted on his Web site.

But they're not half as disappointed as I am about not being there," Chesney said his ankle "looks like a softball." Dr. Burton Elrod said in the statement that Chesney will have to undergo extensive rehabilitation.

"He's going to play sore — with his ankle taped or with a brace under his boot, but he's like an athlete who can perform with some pain."



Chesney

Living like Martha Stewart for a day

Now HERES's a good excuse for working at home. Deborah Norville was scheduled to anchor Monday's program of "Inside Edition" from her home on Long Island, N.Y., to try to give viewers a taste of what Martha Stewart's home confinement is like.

Norville will be fitted with the same type of ankle bracelet that is being used to monitor Stewart's location now that she has been released from prison.

Over a 24-hour period, Norville will keep a record of everything she does and report on what the experience is like, she showed Sunday.

"Inside Edition," a syndicated newsmagazine, airs weeknights.

Backstreet is back, again

Backstreet's back. Again.

Backstreet Boys, the boy band who demanded "I Want That Way," have announced a set of tour dates starting March 21 in New York.

They won't play Madison Square Garden this time around — or any of their previous gigantic arena hotspots. The Boys' 13-city tour is a club-only affair, stopping at such intimate venues as the State Theatre in Detroit and the 9:30 Club in Washington.

According to their label, Jive Records, they will perform all their hits plus a few songs from their upcoming CD.

The Backstreet Boys, who debuted in 1997, are putting the finishing touches on a forthcoming as-yet-untitled album, their first original outing since 2000's "Black and Blue."



Backstreet Boys

Former Bush frontman tries hard at acting

Gavin Rossdale enjoys playing dark character in 'Constantine'

BY BARRY KOLTNOW

The Orange County (Calif.) Register

LOS ANGELES

Director Francis Lawrence was on the phone, and Gavin Rossdale was convinced that it was bad news.

The former lead singer of the British rock group Bush figured that the director was calling to inform Rossdale that his small but important role as a nasty demon in the supernatural thriller "Constantine" had been cut. This already had happened to him on another movie, and Rossdale expected the worst.

As it turned out, he need not have worried.

Lawrence wasn't even calling for Rossdale. The director asked to speak to the singer's wife, pop star Gwen Stefani, whom Lawrence had just directed in a music video for her hit single "What You Waiting For?"

"It was a little embarrassing," the 37-year-old Rossdale said of the phone call. "I immediately said, 'You didn't cut me out of the movie, did you?'"

"Francis laughed and told me that he actually had added a couple of scenes. Then he asked to talk to Gwen."

The handsome Londoner said he had good reason to be paranoid. His first film experience, "Little Black Book," was a disaster.

"They showed it to a couple of test audiences and it ended in the ending depressed them. That was my only scene in the movie and it ended up on the editing room floor."

Rossdale, who left Bush after six albums and will release a solo effort in July with his new band Institute, has another film scheduled for a May release. In "The Game of Our Lives," he plays a soccer player on the 1950s era English national team that lost to the Americans.

In his Los Angeles hotel suite, Rossdale discussed his first movie junkie and his budding film career, including his role in "Constantine," which stars Keanu Reeves as a human who battles Satan and an army of demons to earn his way into heaven.

Q: What's a stranger experience — stage-diving into a crowd of 15,000 fans or these press interviews?

A: Well, I'm more at home diving from the stage into a crowd of kids, but what I really enjoy about this press junket is being surrounded by people who want to ask me questions about the movie. It's a relief to finally be able to discuss the film with people who have seen it. Until now, I've been walking around at home raving about the movie but nobody knows what I'm talking about.

Q: So, you're actually enjoying these days of answering endless questions?

A: I really am.

Q: Has there been a highlight?

A: I really liked sitting in a room discussing the movie with eight priests.

Q: Were they journalists?

A: I suppose they write for church publications.

Q: And what was their reaction to the movie?

A: They were very receptive. They seemed intrigued as to how much of the devil I see in myself.

Q: How serious are you about this acting career?

A: Really serious. That's why I've waited so patiently to find the right film to work on.

Q: What was it about the role of Balthazar that appealed to you?

A: I just loved the words. They were so delicious.

Q: You have a new album coming out soon. Where does acting fit in with the music career?

A: A great role model for me has always been Tom Waits. He has had a great career of making wonderful records and then popping up in a film somewhere. The hardest thing to do in a show business career is to surprise people, and he always surprises people.

Q: But Tom Waits always did these small, quirky roles in films. Isn't your goal to be the guy who stars in the movie?

A: If you're asking me if I'd like for them to hold the camera on me a while longer, I suppose the answer is yes. But sharing the screen with people like Keanu Reeves is a great learning experience for me right now, and I don't know what the future holds.

Q: So, at the unemployment office, you still write "musician" on the line that says "Occupation?"

A: Musician/struggling actor.

Q: Emotionally, what is a bigger high — acting or music?

A: Emotionally, there is something about writing music so music will always be my first love. And there is great satisfaction in making something work on screen. I hope I will be able to combine the two. ■

Gavin Rossdale

musician, actor

about writing music so music will always be my first love. And there is great satisfaction in making something work on screen. I hope I will be able to combine the two.

Q: Where do you think you are in your acting career?

A: I am probably the least experienced person on any movie set.

Q: How do you deal with that?

A: I try to be the first person in the pool at the start of the day, and the last person out of the pool at the end of the day. I want to learn everything I can.

Q: And how is that working for you?

A: The only indication that it might be working came from the director one day on the set. Keanu and I are supposed to hate each other in this movie because I'm his nemesis, and that chemistry is important for the scenes to work. After one particular scene, Francis came over to me and said: "I think Keanu really hates you." I'm pretty sure that was a compliment.



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Evening
7:30 News (1)
7:30 What I Like About You (3)(ends)
8:00 The Simpsons (42)
8:00 News (1)
1:25 Ultimate Fighting (6)
1:28 Pro Wrestling: WWE-X Special (8)

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9:15 World News Hour
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11:15 CNN News
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2:15 PBS NewsHour
3:15 CNN News
4:15 World News Hour
5:15 Asian News
Evening
6:15 CNN News
7:15 News Today: Asia
8:15 News Today: World
9:15 Economic News
10:10 BS Documentary: Secret History of the
Credit Card
11:10 BS Documentary: Global Cataclysm (1)
- Warning
12:10 BS Documentary: Global Cataclysm (2)
- Water Crisis
1:10 BS Documentary: Global Cataclysm (3)
- Ecosystem
2:15 Asian News
3:35 World Amazing Sports

4:15 Asian News
5:15 World News Hour

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Morning
10:00 Classical Music: Classic Club America
Edition (r)

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Evening
7:00 NHK News
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10:05 TV Series: The West Wing 3
12:00 U.S. Movie (1993): Philadelphia (2:10)

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Morning
7:30 Oswald #44
8:00 U.S. Movie (2002): Life or Something Like
It (1:45)

10:00 Italian-French-British-Romanian-Spanish Movie (2002): *Callas Forever* (1-57)
Afternoon
12:00 TV Series: *CSI: Crime Scene Investigation*
12:45 Korean Movie (2003): *The Classic* (2-15)
5:30 Oswald #44
Evening
6:00 Spanish Soccer Liga Espanola
8:00 TV Series: *Dawson's Creek*
8:30 TV Series: *CSI: Crime Scene Investigation* - Miami 2
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Not all veterans are retirees

As I have talked to several congressional aides and communicated with a few media personnel over the past year, one common theme seems to strike me. Most of them don't know the difference between a military veteran and a military retired veteran.

A "military veteran" is a person who served in the active military, naval or air service, and who was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable.

A "military retiree" is any former member of the uniformed services who is entitled, under statute, to retired, retirement or retain pay. Examples include spending 20 or more years in the military or permanent retirement by reasons of physical disability.

All military retirees are military veterans, but not all military veterans are military retirees.

It appears that some congressional leaders, news media and the American people don't realize there is a difference between a veteran who spends 90 days in the military and is discharged and a veteran who spends 20 to 30 years in the military and retires.

They don't seem to understand that medical care promises were made to both groups, but they are different.

The military retiree was promised no-cost medical care for himself and his eligible dependents for life at military treatment facilities. The military veteran was promised medical care at a Veterans Affairs hospital or clinic basically for service-connected disabilities or medical conditions.

We make this distinction to avoid the confusion and results when calculations are made concerning how much it will cost to finance the military retiree health care that was promised.

We are told that the veterans community numbers about 26.5 million. The military re-

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ties number about 1.8 million. Sometimes the military retirees get lost in the shuffle. Sometimes the wrong number is used when making calculations.

Retired Air Force Capt. Ronald J. Shaw
Orem, Utah

'Close But No Cigars' badge

I believe the new Close Combat Badge should be renamed the Close But No Cigars badge, for only the rarefied air that saturates the minds in the Pentagon would be so myopic in their vision.

But at least it is encouraging that the Army wishes to recognize the contributions of other job areas in active ground combat during this war on terror.

But the question is why only 19 (armor), 13 (field artillery) and 12 (combat engi-

neer) series? I find it curious that 14 (air defense) and 35 (electronics) job fields are missed, not to mention many other fields. I am sure the few killed in action and over 80 wounded in action from Task Force 4-5 Air Defense Artillery during their tour might think otherwise, as well as the various military police units who have contributed significantly in this conflict.

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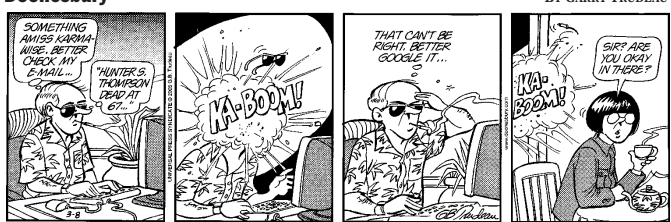
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The federal government's basic sunshine law is the Freedom of Information Act, passed in 1974 to ensure public access to the inner workings of government. But over the years, often through inattention or inertia but on occasion by intent, the effectiveness of the law has been diminished.

This has been especially true under the Bush administration, no great friend of openness, candor and transparency in government. Indeed, early in Bush's first term, then-Attorney General John Ashcroft circulated a memo governments urging agencies to make the most restrictive position on releasing information. He told the bureaucrats that "if you decide to withhold records, in whole or in part, rest assured that that Department of Justice will be watching your decisions."

Doonesbury



BY GARRY TRUDEAU

Men hit by train

MD ROCKVILLE — An Amtrak train struck and killed one man and seriously injured another just outside Washington at the height of the evening commuter rush.

The men were walking along the tracks behind a shopping center when they were hit. Montgomery County Fire and Rescue spokesman Pete Pinger said.

One aboard the Chicago-bound Capital Limited train was injured, Amtrak spokeswoman Sarah Swain said.

Authorities identified the dead man as Raymond Whitley, 25, of Rockville. Keon Kelly, 23, also of Rockville, was hospitalized with life-threatening injuries.

'Frozen Dead Guy' fun

CO BOULDER — Over the last three years, the cryogenically frozen body of a Norwegian man has become the centerpiece of a quirky winter festival in a small Colorado mining town.

"Grandpa" Bredo Morstøl, who died in 1989, was frozen by his grandson and stored in a shed in Nederland, a town 35 miles northwest of Denver that began celebrating "Frozen Dead Guy Days" in 2002 to increase tourism.

Now the man's daughter, 75-year-old Aud Morstøl, is hoping Norway's King Harald V and Queen Sonja will help her secure a visa to attend the festival. The royal couple also have been invited by Nederland's Chamber of Commerce to visit and "partake in the fun and parody of the weekend."

Theft plans gummed up

IN KNOXVILLE — Three people pleaded guilty to fishing money out of donation boxes in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park by using a wire clothes hanger with sticky chewing gum on one end.

Brian Keith Seal, 34; Liza Nicole Vanderpool-Chavez, 33, and Jerry L. Carter, 44, could get up to a year in federal prison at sentencing June 10 for misdemeanor theft.

Authorities said the three stole less than \$1,000 from the donation boxes, which were set up by a non-profit group for maintenance and education projects at the park, which straddles the North Carolina-Tennessee line.

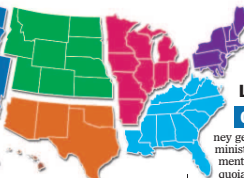
A park visitor reported seeing people acting suspiciously in a car stopped near a donation box last July. A ranger stopped the car and found dozens of sticky \$1 and \$5 bills and a straightened-out wire hanger with goo on the end.

Judge caught with knife

PA HARRISBURG — A state Supreme Court justice said he paid a \$750 federal fine for trying to sneak a pocketknife on board an airplane last month.

"Really, my only comment is ... I did a really dumb thing, which I obviously regret," Justice Thomas G. Sayler Jr. said.

Sayler and his wife were going through a checkpoint for a flight from Harrisburg International Airport when screeners found a Swiss



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Army-type knife attached to his key chain, police said.

The knife was later found in a shoe inside his carry-on luggage when Sayler went back through the screening area a second time, police said.

Sayler said the knife was a gift from a friend that he did not want to give up.

Illegal immigrant rights

AZ PHOENIX — Four months after residents voted to deny some government benefits to illegal immigrants, advocates for limiting immigration are pressing lawmakers to enact even more restrictions on those who sneak into the country.

Opponents question whether the proposed changes — this time to education — would do much to stem the flood of illegal immigration into Arizona, the busiest illegal entry point on the nation's southern border.

But both sides of the debate say the federal government hasn't done enough to fulfill its responsibility to enforce laws already on the books; in response, Arizona lawmakers have proposed several bills this year to address the issue.

The voter initiative approved in November denies some government services to immigrants and

requires proof of citizenship when residents register to vote and apply for public benefits.

Large tree lawsuit

CA SACRAMENTO — California's attorney general sued the Bush administration over its management plan for the Giant Sequoia National Monument, home to two-thirds of the world's largest trees.

The federal plan adopted in December would illegally allow commercial logging in the 327,769-acre central California preserve, the suit alleges.

The plan also violates former President Clinton's April 2000 proclamation creating the reserve south of Sequoia National Park, which bans logging unless it is "clearly needed" for public or environmental protection, the suit says.

The U.S. Forest Service adhered closely to Clinton's proclamation, responded spokesman Matt Mathes. The timber cuts are needed for fire protection, he said, to safeguard sequoia groves that have been threatened before by wildfires.

Expanded moose hunt

VT MONTPELIER — The Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife hopes to issue more than 1,000 moose hunting permits for this fall's hunt and expand the season in a part of the Northeast Kingdom.

While additional moose permits will be issued statewide, the goal of the increase is to reduce the number of moose in parts of the Northeast Kingdom from about 2,400 to 1,400, said state moose biologist Cedric Alexander.

The 1,400 number is in line with the department's 1996 10-year moose management plan and reflects the wishes of Northeast Kingdom residents. And the animals are causing environmental damage, Alexander said.

Alexander estimated the size of the state's moose herd at about 4,700 animals, slightly lower than a year ago.

Rare book thefts

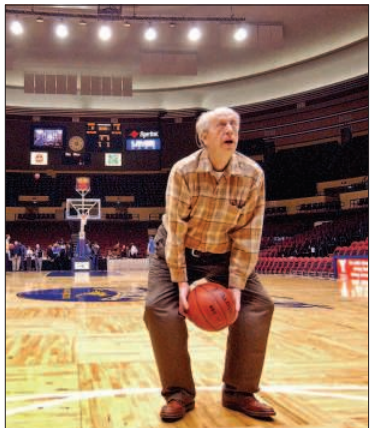
KY LEXINGTON — Four men were indicted on robbery and art theft charges for allegedly taking rare works from a university library, including a first edition of Charles Darwin's 1859 volume on natural selection.

The men allegedly tried to sell the items to Christie's auction house in New York.

The men are accused of taking several items from the Transylvania University library, including Darwin's "The Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection," in which he first discussed his theory of evolution.

Also taken were a two-volume natural history published in the 1500s, pencil sketches by John James Audubon done in the 1850s and an illuminated manuscript written in 1425.

One of the men indicted is a Transylvania student; the others are current or former students at the University of Kentucky.



Give it all you got

John Fulton, of Kansas City, Mo., lines up a "granny shot" from just inside the 3-point line on the basketball court at Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City, Mo.



Puttin' on the moves

A fast cut helps Josh Maddock, 17, evade the grasp of Suos and Josh's brother, Eli Maddock, 16, as they played in a pick-up football game in Kansas City, Mo.



Playground fun

Jayden Morrison, 6, (left) and Aris Ritzshy, 5, enjoy warm weather by using the slide at Meeker Elementary School's playground, in Ames, Iowa.



Group tubing

People of all ages sled down Sunset Hill in North Conway, N.H., during one of the events of the second annual Mount Washington Valley Winter Carnival.



Little wrestlers

Chase Clymer, left, and Chance Mitchell shake hands prior to their match in a youth wrestling program for grades K-6 in Washington, Ind. Officiating is program director Matt Collins.



Colorful scene

The morning sun backlights a bonnet at St. Scholastica's Benedict Park in Fort Smith, Ark.



Friendly feline

Clyde, a stray cat, seems to ignore a flock of turkeys that cross Sandy DuBois' driveway outside Maple City, Mich. The birds went their way, as did the cat.

Moose shot after attack

AK ANCHORAGE — A moose regularly petted and hand-fed lettuce and potatoes was shot after it stomped on a 6-year-old boy in a neighborhood.

A police officer shot the young, male moose after the boy was safely in a neighbor's home at the Rangeview Mobile Home Park. A densely packed swath of about 75 trailer homes with few trees or woods or even yards.

The boy suffered a split lip and headache, police said.

"As usual, it's people that have caused the problem and the moose that suffered the ultimate consequence," said wildlife biologist Rick Sinnott, with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

Jail break-in alleged

AL UNION SPRINGS — Dreaming of ways to break out of jail is pretty normal. But for the second time in less than a month, police have arrested a man for trying to break into the Bullock County Jail.

Police said Ellis Hudson, 40, of Union Springs was arrested and charged with third-degree criminal trespassing after he was caught inside the fence of the jail last month.

Union Springs Police Chief Jake Wheeler said he suspects Hudson was trying to smuggle tobacco to an inmate, since Hudson had pipe tobacco, three packs of cigarettes and rolling papers in his possession.

"There's no smoking in the jail," Wheeler said. "Someone's curious probably get \$2 for a cigarette in there."

Devilish sticker protest

NM SANTA FE — The ACLU is going to court over a case of sticker shock.

The American Civil Liberties Union of New Mexico is coming to the defense of Dean Young, who was busted for having cartoon stickers of topless female devils on his car.

Young put the stickers on his car as a political statement protesting the ban on Sunday liquor sales in Clovis. The ACLU contends Young's constitutional rights are being violated and that police and prosecutors are oversteering their bounds.

A Clovis magistrate dismissed the case against Young last month on a technicality.

Police called the stickers pornographic and said they went beyond Young's First Amendment rights. Young has described the stickers as "raunchy" but not pornographic.

Virginia tornadoes

VA RICHMOND — Last year set a record for tornadoes in Virginia, according to weather and emergency officials.

Weather-service records show that 86 tornadoes touched down in 52 localities during 2004 — four to six times the normal number that hit the state in a year.

They were the spawn of a matching record-high number of tropical cyclones pummeling Virginia last hurricane season. Three-quarters

of the state's 2004 tornadoes were associated with the remnants of hurricanes Gaston, Ivan and Jeanne, said National Weather Service meteorologist Bill Sammler in Wakefield.

The 2004 storms injured 14 people and caused more than \$70 million in damage in Virginia, the state Department of Emergency Management said.

Boy's dog electrocuted

MA BOSTON — The utility company NSTar removed a light pole from the spot where a dog being walked by a 13-year-old boy was electrocuted, but the company failed to shut off power to the site, a city investigation found.

"A violation will be written against NSTar," city spokeswoman Lisa Timberlake said, noting that the city's Inspection Services Department issued its finding. "If there's no pole there, it's NSTar's responsibility to shut off the power."

NSTAR officials said they were investigating why the pole was not shut off when the light pole in the city's Allston section was removed years ago.

The dog, a 1-year-old boxer named Cassius, was given to 13-year-old Kyle Devito and his 10-year-old brother, Alec, as a Christmas present from their parents.

Cable cars cashing in

CA SAN FRANCISCO — Cable car fares, which have already climbed halfway to the stars, are about to complete the trip — and the passengers who are soon to be shaken down for \$5 a ride are squealing louder than the track brake on the Hyde Street hill.

"That's outrageous," said William Laurens, a visitor from Oregon.

"There's a principle involved. Just because we're tourists doesn't mean we can pay anything."

The Municipal Railway, which hopes to raise the basic bus and streetcar fare Sept. 1 by a quarter, to \$1.50, also wants to raise the cable car fare by \$2 — to \$5 a trip. That would make the cost of a cable car ride the most expensive local transit fare in the United States.

Cat hangs on tight

ID INKOM — Torri Hutchinson's cat might just have one less life to live.

Hutchinson was driving along Interstate 15 recently when a motorist kept trying to get her attention and pointing to the roof of her car.

She said she was wary of the man, but wondered if perhaps her ski rack might have come loose.

She pulled over to the side, but kept her doors locked and the motor running.

The man pulled up behind her. Hutchinson rolled down her window to hear the man frantically shouting, "Your cat! Your cat!"

He reached for the roof of her car and handed the shocked Hutchinson her orange tabby.

She had driven about 10 miles with the cat on top of the car, and didn't even notice the feline when she stopped for gas.

Stories and photos from wire services

Horoscope

Do a diagnostic report on your life. Abundant Pisces energy allows for a deeper understanding of what's going well and what still requires attention. The relationships that need healing loom large, asking to be addressed. We're working on many levels, but the most profound is the spiritual realm, where changes can take place in the blink of an eye.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(March 8). This year, you stand in what you believe. Loved ones crave this stronger side of you, and you may even need to draw new boundaries. Raises or other financial perks show up in the next four weeks. You'll make a lifestyle improvement before the spring is over. September could bring marriage. Gemini and Aquarius are fabulous partners.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You may encounter some form of ageism or perpetrate this prejudice upon your own psyche. You're not too old to pursue your dream. Martha Graham danced professionally at 75 and choreographed through 96.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Attitude drives production — the more you produce, the better you feel. Your winning posture magically connects you to serendipitous opportunities that would not be available to someone of lesser enthusiasm.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Working diligently has brought you results, so you'll continue. But there's no reason to be hard on yourself in the process. Turn nasty inner dialogue in a new direction, or it drags down your progress.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You may not be communicating as fully as you think you are. Ask others to parrot back your message to see if it's really getting through. Every person you deal with needs a different communication approach.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Achievement isn't easy, but it is simple. You tell yourself what to do, and then,

you do it. As long as you're judging yourself by your achievements lately, you may as well add something impressive to your list.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Mathis

LIBRA (Sept.

23-Oct. 23). Take the initiative. When you dare to lead, even if you are only leading yourself, you earn respect. You may be tempted to ask how you can help, but you won't get answers. Don't ask, just do.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 2)

Opinionated people are all around you, making you wonder how to weigh in. Write your manifesto. Research shows that those who have developed their own personal and unique beliefs live longer, more satisfying lives.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). If you are being neglected, it's time to stand up and say so. Not being heard leads to frustration, hurt, anger and anxiety. Being heard leads to effectiveness, well being, loving exchanges and happiness.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Someone is trying to love you, and you are not allowing it. Why is that? Let go of past fears. Hanging on to them only increases the likelihood of a repeat performance. Your connection with a Taurus is strong.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's difficult to share reality when you're just not getting where the other person is coming from. Though you are disconnected from the situation that means so much to your significant one, try hard to understand.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Life's puddles can be sidestepped if you watch where you are going. But if you stare only at the ground, you'll never get safely to your destination. Divert your attention to something grand, whimsical or interesting.

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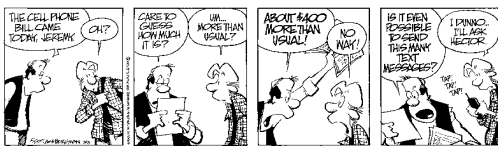
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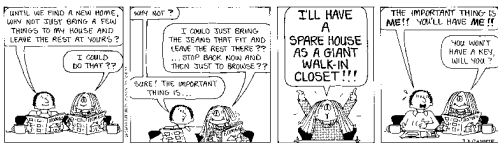
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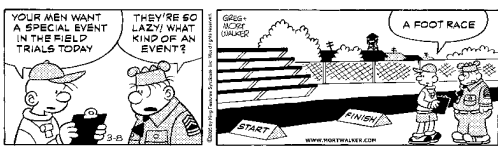
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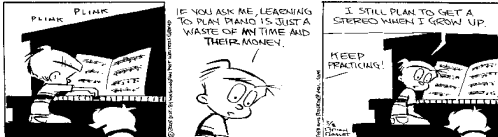
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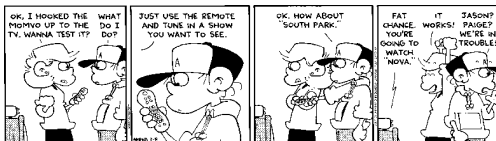
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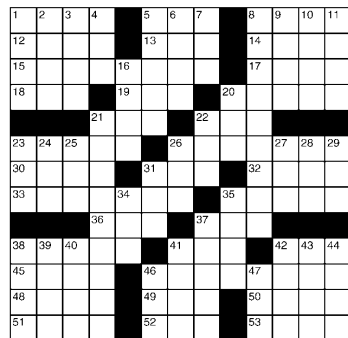
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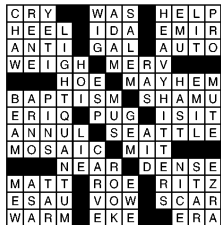
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- 5 Clamorous partner of 13-Across
- 8 Injure
- 12 Chaplin's widow
- 13 See 5-Across
- 14 Cookie name
- 15 Small telescope
- 17 Hideous
- 18 Wharmy
- 19 Frequently
- 20 Victims
- 21 Lemieux milieu
- 22 Binge
- 23 "Witness" sect
- 26 Ammunition
- 30 Actress Moore
- 31 Shack
- 32 Met melody
- 33 California crop
- 35 Song of praise
- 36 Birthstone, e.g.
- 37 More, to Manuel
- 38 Obey Allen Funt
- 41 "—voyage!"
- 42 Water (Fr.)
- 45 Zhivago's love
- 46 Abolitionist
- 48 "Lucky Jim" author
- 49 B&B
- 50 Rise the run
- 51 Disarray
- 52 Favorite
- 53 Backyard building

Down

- 1 "Poppycock!"
- 2 Easy stride
- 3 Layered quart
- 4 Humorist
- 5 Rub the wrong way
- 6 Reddish-brown color
- 7 "Absolutely"
- 8 It measures time
- 9 Incite
- 10 (Hinge) on
- 11 Santa's load
- 16 Nettle's home
- 20 Crony
- 21 Mica
- 22 Stick out like a sore thumb
- 23 Big bother
- 24 Mal de —
- 25 "—Yankee ..."
- 26 Clear the tables
- 27 Distinct period
- 28 Before, in verse
- 29 Muppet eagle
- 31 Height of fashion
- 34 "Holy cow!"
- 35 Throe
- 37 Saddle horse
- 38 Bridge coup
- 39 Jerry Herman heroine
- 40 Rainbow
- 41 Dog's treat
- 42 Apeace
- 43 Tennis legend
- 44 Secondhand
- 46 Chip tapper
- 47 Part of UNLV

Answer to Previous Puzzle



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CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: SUPPOSING AN INSECT WAS SINGING WITH CLOSED LIPS, MIGHT IT BE CALLED A HUMBUG?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: A equals O

Colon cancer testing important

Dear Abby: Imagine if, by applying what we already know, we could save the majority of lives that are lost to the third-leading cause of cancer in men and women? That's no pie-in-the-sky dream. I'm talking about colon cancer.

Regular testing can help prevent this disease or detect it at its earliest, most treatable stage. This year, colon cancer will claim the lives of more than 56,000 Americans. That's more than 150 deaths a day, many of them preventable. The tests allow doctors to remove polyps before they can become cancerous, and prevent colon cancer from happening. These same tests can also detect early signs of the disease as effectively as mammography detects breast cancer.

Symptoms often don't appear until colon cancer has progressed, and no matter what a person's family history or how someone

feels, if you're 50 or older you're at risk for colon cancer.

There is also the perception that the test will be embarrassing or painful. While some of the tests may be uncomfortable, colon cancer is far worse.

Bottom line: If you're 50 or older, now is the time to get tested for colon cancer.

—**Stephen F. Sener, M.D., President, American Cancer Society**

Dear Dr. Sener: I am pleased to help publicize this important message. The American Cancer Society offers a free kit to help you discuss colon cancer testing with your

physician. To get one, call toll-free: (800) 227-2345.

Dear Abby: I am a 28-year-old, American-born Asian woman, whose tradition-bound, first-generation mother insists that I, or another person in our family, share a

portion of our meal with her even though she has already eaten and we have not. This is acceptable behavior in her home, but it is appropriate for her to continue this behavior in public? For example, my mother, my aunt, my cousin's three children and husband and I went out to dinner at a steakhouse, and my mother insisted that I slice a portion of my steak and share it with my cousin, who had already started to eat her entree of pasta. Mother becomes angry with me when I try to explain that this is not proper etiquette. What do you suggest I do?

—**Frustrated Daughter in California**

Dear Frustrated: You will spare yourself a lot of heartburn if you realize that you cannot change your mother. So, when you are at a restaurant with her, order a larger portion than normal and offer to share.

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Dear Abby



JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Ans: □ □ □ □ □

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Mike Angiron



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

AND □ □ □ □ □

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: HASTY BELIE STRONG FUTURE
Answer: What the king experienced when he was awakened by the protesters — A STATE OF "UNREST"

Confront in-laws over burned stuff

Dear Annie: Four years ago, my husband and I moved back to his hometown so we could be closer to his parents, who are getting older.

We also wanted our children to know their grandparents better.

At the time, we had a lot of things in storage, including photograph albums, baby clothes, and items that belonged to my mother and were precious to me. My in-laws have a large storage unit on their property and said we were welcome to use it.

My in-laws left town last week and asked us to keep an eye on their place. Yesterday, my husband and children returned from my in-laws' with a small vase and a Santa Claus that I recognized as mine. The items were blackened and charred. The kids said they had found them in Grandma and Grandpa's burn pile.

I thought our things were safe, but obviously my in-laws have been burning our belongings. I cried all day, wondering what

Annie's Mailbox



other precious items were destroyed. I don't understand how they could do such a horrible and heartless thing. I've tried to maintain a good relationship with my in-laws, even though I know they don't like me.

My husband can hardly believe his parents would be so cruel, and he doesn't know how to handle it.

Dear Daughter-in-Law: We are appalled by your in-laws' behavior and cannot think of any excuse good enough to justify such disregard.

First, you need to check the remaining boxes in the storage building and see what is missing. Then, you and your husband should bring the charred Santa and vase to your in-laws' home when they return. Tell them where they were found, and ask them point-blank to explain themselves. We hope nothing else has been burned, and we trust you will remove the boxes

from your in-laws' property immediately.

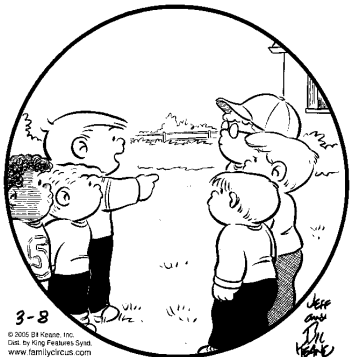
Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Buried in West Virginia," who said he recently moved to a perfectly lovely rural area, but one of the neighbors uses his yard as a dumping ground for all kinds of junk.

"Buried" found it an eyesore. This is typical of many areas who move into such areas. Many new owners have paid very inflated prices for their "lovely, rural property," and expect their neighbors to submit to their demands. Local governments do not have the financial resources to enforce laws controlling viewpoints.

—**Local Upstate New York Town Supervisor**

Dear Supervisor: We heard from plenty of rural residents on this. Thank you for your letter.

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"We'll be the good guys and you're the insurgents!"

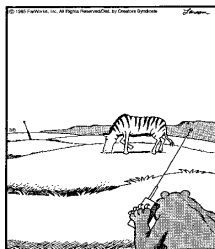


Dennis the Menace



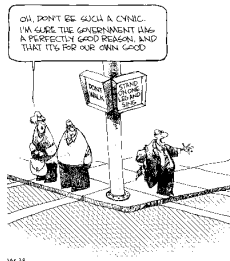
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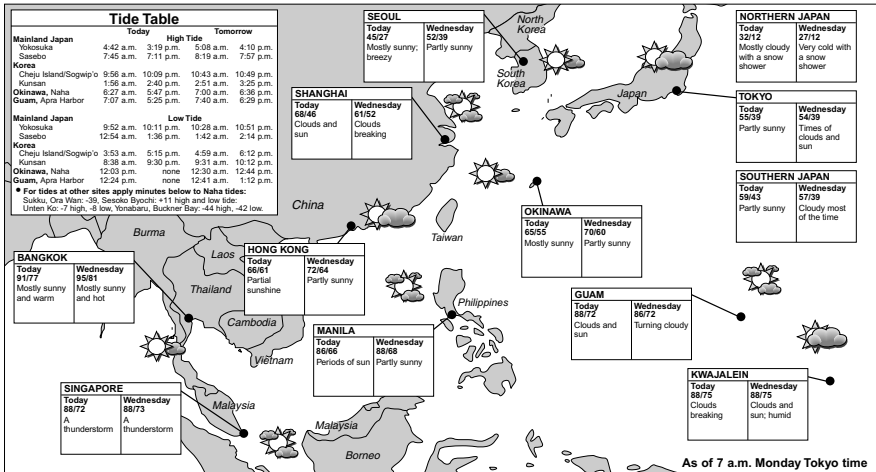
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The Pacific Forecast

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Extended Forecasts

TOKYO Thursday: Rain, high 55, low 50. Friday: Showers, high 66, low 48.	KADENA Thursday: Partly sunny, high 74, low 64. Friday: Rain, high 72, low 51.	SEOUL Thursday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 54, low 21. Friday: Snow flurries, high 28, low 9.	MANILA Thursday: Partly sunny, high 90, low 68. Friday: Mostly sunny, high 91, low 72.	HAGATNA Thursday: Showers high 84, low 72. Friday: Rain, high 82, low 70.
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Sunday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGHLOW	CITY	HIGHLOW	SEATTLE 9090
Albuquerque	56/37	Los Angeles	71/52	
Amarillo	64/40	Little Rock	74/52	
Anchorage	40/28	Louisville	64/50	
Annapolis	59/35	Madison	70/55	
Baltimore	53/34	Milwaukee	57/39	
Birmingham	67/46	Nashville	64/48	
Black Rock	62/35	New York	74/55	
Boise	60/35	Omaha	77/35	
Boston	45/30	Orlando	75/49	
Brownsville	76/54	Philadelphia	49/38	
Burlington	40/28	Phoenix	64/40	
Burlington	37/17	Pittsburgh	50/38	
Charleston, SC	63/41	Portland, OR	64/43	
Charlotte	64/38	Portland, ME	40/24	
Chattanooga	49/42	Portland, ME	54/44	
Columbus, OH	54/42	St. Louis	71/50	
Duluth	46/12	San Antonio	62/59	
El Paso	65/43	San Diego	68/55	
Hartford	39/27	San Francisco	74/55	
Helena	61/33	Tampa	73/55	
Indianapolis	60/45	Tulsa	73/51	
Jacksonville	70/45	Washington, DC	74/55	
Kansas City	72/42	Wichita	74/51	

Tuesday, March 08



U.S. Extended Forecast

Cold and stormy weather will cover the Northeast and Midwest Tuesday and Wednesday. Tuesday will start with a snowstorm over the Northeast. A wintry mix of snow and rain will fall over central and northern New England. Blustery winds will spread snow across the Great Lakes and central Appalachians. Cold air spinning around the storm will keep temperatures from the northern Plains to the Middle Atlantic below normal. Meanwhile, high pressure will keep the West mild and dry. Sunshine will warm the Northwest and Great Basin. Offshore winds will warm Southern California into the 70s and 80s.

Tuesday's Pacific Temperatures

CITY	HIGHLOW	CITY	HIGHLOW	CITY
Bangkok	91/77	Iwakuni	57/41	Sa
Beijing	52/32	Kadena AB	65/55	Sa
Camp Casey	45/27	Kunsan AB	52/36	Se
Christchurch	66/45	Kwajalein	88/75	Sh
Diego Garcia	88/77	Manila	86/66	Sh
Hagatna	88/72	Misawa AB	36/19	Sy
Hanoi	75/66	Osan	48/30	Tae
Hong Kong	66/61	Perth	84/54	Tai
Honolulu	82/72	Pusan	55/39	Tol

Tuesday's World Temperatures

HIGHLOW	CITY	HIGHLOW	CITY	HIGHLOW	CITY	HIGHLOW
89/72	Budapest	39/31	Kabul	45/22	Nairobi	83/52
51/37	Buenos Aires	73/57	Kiev	32/28	New Delhi	83/51
69/56	Cairo	84/49	Kuwait	84/67	Oslo	40/14
84/62	Cancun	87/71	London	49/36	Paris	47/37
90/21	Capec Town	71/52	Madrid	52/28	Rio de Janeiro	81/71
51/38	Geneva	35/29	Mexico City	72/46	Rome	47/30
37/25	Istanbul	40/23	Montreal	23/3	St. Petersburg	15/0
68/58	Jerusalem	68/46	Mogadishu	91/75	Stockholm	34/15
45/31	Johannesburg	81/63	Moscow	25/11	Warsaw	34/25



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Giambi gets warm reception on the road

The Associated Press

Jason Giambi took his image rehabilitation tour on the road for the first time this spring and was given a warm reception. Carlos Beltran needed just one at-bat to hear how his new fans felt about him.

Giambi got his first hit of the year in the New York Yankees' 9-8 loss to the Detroit Tigers in Lakeland, Fla., on Saturday.

"I didn't know what to expect," Giambi said after going 1-for-4. "You never know, and that way you never set yourself up to be let down."

Giambi repeated several times that he was "humbled" by the reception he was being given following a wave of accusations about steroid use.

Giambi, however, wasn't involved in the play that will find its way into the most highly sought shows.

Detroit's Dmitri Young violently collided with Yankees catcher John Flaherty on a play at the plate, and Young needed five stitches on his ear. Young said the blood was worth it because the aggressive play was meant to convey how the Detroit Tigers intend to play this season.

"We're the Tigers — not the kids," Young said.

At Port St. Lucie, Fla., Beltran hit his first home run in the first inning of his first home game with the Mets. Beltran also singled in three at-bats and helped New York beat the Los Angeles Dodgers 6-4.

Spring training

"When you go out, you don't want to let the fans down," said Beltran, who signed a seven-year, \$119 million contract in January.

"You want to make them proud of your team. That's what we did today."

Free-agent signer J.D. Drew had his first hit for Los Angeles, a two-run homer off Mets starter Steve Trachsel in the third inning.

Sammy Sosa, who hit his first homer with the Baltimore Orioles on Friday, did something even more memorable Saturday: He was ejected while playing the outfield during the second inning of the Orioles' 9-6 loss to the Nationals at Fort Lauderdale, Fla. — the first time in 34 years that Baltimore and Washington met on a baseball diamond.

The sequence of events that led to Sosa's ejection by second base umpire C.B. Bucknor began in the bottom of the first inning when he was called out by home plate umpire Joe West on a high third strike. Sosa briefly expressed his displeasure with the call before taking his place in right field.

After Baltimore starter Daniel Cabrera entered the second inning by going to a 2-0 count on leadoff hitter Brad Wilkerson, Sosa was ejected.

"I said, 'That was a strike,'" Sosa said.

Sosa said, "and then the second-base umpire was like, 'Knock it off.' I said something back to him, and that was everything. I was all the way in right field, but I guess he took it the wrong way and threw me out of the game."

Sosa's ejection was not the only outrageous occurrence Saturday.

At Surprise, Ariz., Kansas City's Calvin Pickering hit a grand slam in the sixth inning but was called out when he passed baserunner Justin Huber at first base. Pickering was credited with a three-run, 385-foot single to left.

"That was the batter's fault," Royals manager Tony Pena said.

"We want our runners to tag up in that situation and we want the batter to be watching the runner. It's good these things happen down here."



Seattle Mariners 3B Adrian Beltré throws to first on a grounder by San Diego Padres' Ryan Klesko during the second inning Saturday in Peoria, Ariz. Klesko was out on the play. The Padres won 5-2.

Selig: Positive steroid tests dropped dramatically

BY BOB BAUM

The Associated Press

MESA, Ariz. — The number of positive tests for steroids in Major League Baseball dropped to between 1 to 2 percent last season, Commissioner Bud Selig said Saturday, and he predicted the virtual elimination of the drug from the sport this year.

The new figures, based on just under 1,200 tests, compare with 5 to 7 percent positive results in 2003, the first season that major

league players were tested.

Selig said the test results "starred me and a lot of other people."

"I am very confident that we will effectively rid our sport of steroids in this coming season," he said at a news conference.

The tests in 2003-04 were done under the 2002 collective bargaining agreement adhering to a program far less stringent than the one adopted by Major League Baseball and the players' union this year. The new pro-

gram implemented this week includes an unannounced test of every player, other random testing and tests in the offseason.

"I'm comfortable in telling you that we've not only dealt with our problem, but we will finish what we started," Selig said.

"There always will be some exceptions, but I'm very comfortable with what we've done." Selig also said the minor league testing program has dropped from 11 percent of tests being positive in 2001 to 1.7 percent last season.

Woods reclaims No. 1 with victory

The Associated Press

MIAMI — Tiger Woods turned in a performance worthy of his return to No. 1.

In a dramatic duel with Phil Mickelson that came down to the last shot Sunday, Woods made a 30-foot birdie putt on the 17th hole to take the lead, then a 6-foot par putt to close with a 6-under bid and win the Ford Championship at Doral, giving him the No. 1 ranking for the first time since September.

Mickelson, coming off dominant victories in his last two stroke-play tournaments, had a chance to force a playoff or possibly win on the 18th. His 30-foot chip looked good all the way, but caught the lower lip. He closed with a 69.

"The whole day, we were going at each other," Woods said. "It was fun to be a part of that."

This Sunday showdown exceeded expectations of a battle between two of the biggest names in golf. A sellout crowd was buzzing from start-to-finish, especially during wild momentum changes over the back nine of the Blue Monster.

Woods reached the 603-yard 17th hole for the second time in two days for an eagle to take a

Golf roundup two-shot lead. Mickelson answered with back-to-back birdies to catch him.

Lefty looked like he had control of the tournament until he missed a 5-foot par putt on the 16th, and then Woods delivered like he usually does with two clutch putts.

Woods, who earned \$990,000 for his second victory of the year, finished at 24-under 264 to break by one shot the tournament record at Doral, previously held by Jim Furyk (2000) and Greg Norman (1993). This is the sixth PGA Tour event where Woods has at least a share of the 72-hole record.

Vijay Singh, who had been No. 1 the last 26 weeks after beating Woods in a Labor Day duel outside Boston, closed with a 66 to finish third, five shots behind, along with Zach Johnson (67).

Sorenstam rallies to win in Mexico

HUICQUILUCAN, Mexico — Annika Sorenstam rallied to win her first LPGA Tour event in the year, shooting a 4-under 68 in windy conditions Sunday for a three-stroke victory in the inaugu-



Tiger Woods made a 30-foot birdie putt on No. 17 and closed with a 6-under-par 66 to overtake Phil Mickelson in the final round of the Ford Championship at Doral. Woods also moved up to No. 1 in the world.

ral MasterCard Classic.

Sorenstam had eight birdies — five in a row on Nos. 2-6 — to offset four bogeys in the strong wind on the high-altitude Bosque Real Country Club course.

The Swedish star, also playing for the first time since furling divorce from David Esch, won her 57th LPGA Tour title, finishing at 7-under 209. Last year, she won eight tour events and two international titles.

Karrie Webb, the ANZ Ladies Masters winner last week in Australia, had a 70 to finish second. Second-round leader Cristie Kerr shot a 75 to match South Korea's Hee-Won Han (71) at 3 under, and Mexican star Lorena Ochoa (68) rallied to finish fifth at 2

under. Rookie Paula Creamer (68) and Michelle Redman (72) were 1 under.

The tournament was the first LPGA Tour event in Mexico since 1975.

Eagle gives Els Dubai title

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Ernie Els eagled the final hole Sunday to win the Dubai Desert Classic for the third time with a one-stroke victory over Miguel Angel Jimenez, who had led for most of the tournament.

Els, who shot a 4-under-par 68 and finished at 19-under 269, captured his first title of 2005. He also won in Dubai in 1994 and 2002.

Croatia puts U.S. on ropes in Davis Cup

BY KEN PETERS

The Associated Press

CARSON, Calif. — In jeopardy of being eliminated by Croatia in the opening round of the Davis Cup for the second time in three years, the Americans turned to Andy Roddick and Andre Agassi. Twins Mike and Bob Bryan lost a doubles match for the first time in Davis Cup play Saturday, and Croatia took the lead against the heavily favored United States.

Ivan Ljubicic and Mario Ancic beat the Bryans 3-6, 7-6 (8), 6-4, 6-4 for Croatia's second win in three matches in the best-of-five competition.

Roddick will play Ljubicic in Sunday's first match, and Agassi will face Ancic in the fifth and final match — if the Croatians haven't clinched by then.

U.S. captain Patrick McEnroe is glad he's able to send out Roddick and Agassi, who is playing Davis Cup for the first time in five years.

"If there are two guys you want to roll out on day 2-4, I'd choose the two guys we want," McEnroe said. "So I'm extremely confident that they're both going to play well. Andrew's been in this position before, and Andy's been in a position where he's had to win a match."

Browns trade for veteran QB Dilfer

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — The Cleveland Browns didn't wait long to find an experienced quarterback, acquiring Trent Dilfer from Seattle on Saturday for a fourth-round draft pick.

The Browns were left with two inexperienced quarterbacks after Kelly Holcomb signed a four-year deal with Buffalo on Friday. They released starter Jeff Garcia earlier this offseason.

Enter Dilfer, who became expendable in Seattle after starter Matt Hasselbeck signed a six-year, \$49 million contract last month.

Dilfer, who turns 33 on March 13, appeared in five games last season, leading the Seahawks to victories in his only two starts.

The trade, contingent on league approval and Dilfer passing a physical, reunites the 6-foot-4, 225-pound quarterback with Browns General Manager Phil Savage.

Savage was Baltimore's player personnel director when Dilfer took over for starter Tony Banks midway through the 2000 season and led the Ravens to a Super Bowl championship.

The move still leaves Cleveland with plenty of flexibility as it searches for a long-term solution at quarterback.

Dilfer only has one year left on his contract, so his addition would not prevent the Browns from making other moves.

Luke McCown and Josh Harris were the only two quarterbacks on the Cleveland roster before the trade. McCown started four games as a rookie last season but was largely ineffective, while Harris has yet to take a snap during a regular-season game.



Italy's Giancarlo Fisichella raises his arms as he celebrates his victory in the Australian Grand Prix at Melbourne's Albert Park circuit Sunday. Rubens Barrichello finished second and Fernando Alonso third.

Fisichella wins F1 opener

Crash takes M. Schumacher out of race

BY JOHN PVE
The Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Italy's Giancarlo Fisichella won Formula One's season-opening Australian Grand Prix on Sunday.

Fisichella finished 57 laps on the 3.295-mile Albert Park circuit in 1 hour, 24 minutes, 17.336 seconds in his Renault.

Ferrari's Rubens Barrichello was second, 5.55 seconds back, and Fisichella's Renault teammate, Fernando Alonso, finished third.

Michael Schumacher, who won 13 races last year en route to his seventh world championship, retired with 15 laps remaining after a collision with Nick Heidfeld. The Ferrari driver started on the back row of the grid.

The 32-year-old Fisichella's only previous F1 victory in 141 races was at the controversial 2003 Brazilian GP, when he wasn't awarded the victory for five days until it was discovered he was ahead when the race was stopped.

"It's my first time to celebrate the victory on the podium," Fisichella said. "It's been fantastic, a great experience — I want to do it again."

With new rules restricting drivers to one engine for two races and one tire set up per race, Fisichella's smooth driving made the difference.

Avoiding heavy rain that drenched the circuit just after he'd finished his first qualifying lap Saturday afternoon also helped.

He returned for the second qualifying session Sunday and easily maintained his lead, giving him pole position in an all-Ian Trulli row with Toyota's Jarno Trulli.

Trulli finished ninth. Schumacher moved as high as seventh after starting 19th with a new engine. His Australian title defense ended when he and Nick Heidfeld touched wheels and then collided at in the third turn on the 43rd lap.

Australian Grand Prix

Sunday
At Albert Park Circuit
Melbourne, Australia
Lap length 3.295 miles
57 laps, 1 hour, 24 minutes, 17.336 seconds, 133.699 mph.

1. Giancarlo Fisichella, Italy, Renault, 57 laps, 1 hour, 24 minutes, 17.336 seconds, 133.699 mph.
2. Rubens Barrichello, Brazil, Ferrari, 57, 1:24:58.690.
3. Fernando Alonso, Spain, Renault, 57, 1:24:53.667.
4. David Coulthard, Britain, Red Bull, 57, 1:24:53.667.
5. Mark Webber, Australia, Williams, 57, 1:24:54.244.
6. Juan Pablo Montoya, Colombia, McLaren, 57, 1:24:52.369.
7. Christian Klien, Austria, Red Bull, 57, 1:24:55.133.
8. Kimi Raikkonen, Finland, McLaren, 57, 1:24:55.969.
9. Jarno Trulli, Italy, Toyota, 57, 1:25:02.444.
10. Felipe Massa, Brazil, Sauber, 57, 1:25:01.725.
11. Jenson Button, Britain, BAR-Honda, 56.
12. Ralf Schumacher, Germany, Toyota, 56.
13. Jacques Villeneuve, Canada, Sauber, 56.
14. Takuma Sato, Japan, BAR-Honda, 55.
15. Narain Karthikeyan, India, Jordan, 55.
16. Tiago Monteiro, Portugal, Jordan, 55.
17. Patrick Friesacher, Austria, Minardi, 53.

Not classified
Michael Schumacher, Germany, Ferrari
Nick Heidfeld, Germany, Williams
Christian Albers, Netherlands, Minardi

Wheldon wins IRL opener at Homestead

The Associated Press

HOMESTEAD, Fla. — Celebrating in Victory Lane after an overpowering victory Sunday in the IRL IndyCar opener at Homestead-Miami Speedway, Dan Wheldon was hoping for a similar scene at another racetrack later this year.

"I've got to be honest," the Englishman said. "My passion is the Indianapolis 500. The championship is important, but my goal is to drink the (winner's) milk at Indy. We just want to keep the momentum until that race in May."

Wheldon was the runner-up last season to Andretti Green Racing teammate Tony Kanaan in the IRL championship and he began this season as one of the favorites to win the title. Sunday's dominating run, leading 158 of the 200 laps on the 1.9-mile oval, only strengthened that perception.

But Wheldon said that even as he celebrated Sunday by doing doughnuts in his car and getting victory hugs from his crew, he was thinking that nobody should make too much of one win.

"It's one race into the championship. One race," the smiling Wheldon said. "If it's meant to be it's meant to be. I just enjoy winning races."

Wheldon, part of the powerful four-car Andretti Green Racing team, pulled away from the pack midway through the race and appeared headed to a runaway victory when the race was interrupted by a frightening eight-car crash on lap 15.

Before all the crashing and banging ended, the accident also took out Scott Sharp, Bryan Herta, Scott Dixon, Roger Yasukawa, Ed Carpenter and 22-year-old rookie Danica Patrick, making her first IRL start.

Austrain Maier wins super-G, 50th World Cup race of career

The Associated Press

KVITFJELL, Norway — Hermann Maier won a super giant slalom on Lillehammer's Olympic course Sunday for his 50th World Cup victory, tying Alberto Tomba for second place on the career list.

Austria's Benjamin Raich finished fourth, just ahead of Bode Miller, and drew closer to the American in their race for the overall title. Miller, trying to become the first American since Phil Mahre in 1983 to win the men's overall, leads Raich by 52 points (1,348 points to 1,296) with only four races left.

Maier, who also won Saturday's downhill on the same slope, was timed in 1 minute, 32.98 seconds. He beat Didier Defago of Switzerland by 0.83 seconds while Daron Raboin of the United States was third, 0.88 back.

Maier, the four-time and defending World Cup overall cham-

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pin, joined Italy's Tomba in second place on the career victory list behind Ingemar Stenmark. The Swedish great leads with 86, all in slalom and giant slalom.

"There are still chances to win some more," the 32-year-old Maier said. "I'm still younger than Tomba when he reached 50."

This season, one race remains in each discipline — the downhill, super-G, slalom and giant slalom at the World Cup finals in Lenzerheide, Switzerland, starting Thursday. A victory is worth 100 points.

Castillo, Lacy successfully defend titles

LAS VEGAS — Jose Luis Castillo won down Julio Diaz with re-

lentless pressure Saturday night before finally stopping him in the 10th round to retain the WBC lightweight title.

Castillo fought true to his usual form, patiently stalking Diaz throughout the fight before knocking him down twice in the 10th. Diaz was on one knee after the second knockdown when referee Richard Stead counted to nine, then waved the fight to a close.

It was the second defense for Castillo of the title he won from Juan Lazzano last year.

In another title fight on the card at the Mandalay Bay hotel-casino, former Olympian Jeff Lacy retained his IBF super-middleweight title by stopping Rubin Williams in the seventh round.

Castillo, winning for the 52nd time in his pro career, opened cuts over both of Diaz's eyes with apparent head butts, and Diaz's left eye was nearly swollen shut when the fight ended.

Diaz (30-3) gave up his IBF lightweight title to challenge Castillo, but simply did not have enough power to keep him off of him.

Castillo (52-6-1 with four knockouts) was ahead 88-83 on all three scorecards after the ninth round, but made sure that the judges wouldn't have a say in the fight when he put the challenger away in the 10th round.

Buser goes for record-tying fifth Iditarod title

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Fearless, foolhardy or just plain stubborn, four-time champion Martin Buser cheerfully started the 1,100-mile Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race on Saturday, a few days after the middle finger of his right hand was amputated above the second joint.

Buser, 46, who was injured in a table saw accident Tuesday, loaded up on painkillers, antibiotics

and anti-inflammatory pills. He wore bandages and a special splint on his mangled hand and stuffed it inside an oversized black mitten.

At the festive, ceremonial start of the 33rd Iditarod, he happily signed autographs for his thousands of fans and posed for photographs with fans on a crisp, sunny morning before setting off on a journey to Nome that is perilous even for mushers in the best of health.

The first day was easy, starting out on trucked-in snow downwind when taking a slow route 11 miles with leading teams of 12 dogs hauling "Iditardiers" who paid for the thrill. The race really gets going Sunday with a restart from Willow, 70 miles north of the city. From there it's a dangerous-filled trail through steep gorges, along frozen rivers and over snow-covered mountains under sub-zero temperatures with howling winds.

Streakin' heels

North Carolina overcomes Duke by scoring game's last 11 points

BY KEITH PARSONS

The Associated Press

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Freshman Marvin Williams converted a three-point play with 17 seconds left, capping a game-clinching 11-0 run that carried No. 2 North Carolina to a 75-73 victory over No. 6 Duke on Sunday for the Atlantic Coast Conference title.

Sean May of North Carolina had 26 points and 24 rebounds, and his final rebound was the most important. After J.J. Redick missed a long three-point shot that would have won it for the Blue Devils, teammate Daniel Ewing had a final chance from just inside the arc.

But his shot was short, and May leaped high for the carom. He cradled the ball in his hand while the clock ran out, then hurried it into the stands in celebration of why the third Tar Heels victory over Duke in the last 16 meetings.

North Carolina (26-3, 14-2) won its first ACC regular season championship since 1993, the last time it won the national title.

Shelden Williams had 25 points and six blocks for Duke (22-5, 11-5), which played without

guard Sean Dockery for the third straight game. Redick scored all 17 of his points in the first half.

Even without Redick scoring at his usual pace, the Blue Devils seemingly had control late in the second half. They broke from a 64-64 tie with a 9-0 run capped by Lee Melchioni's three-pointer with 3:07 left. That was his fifth three-pointer of the second half and it gave Duke a 73-64 lead.

Jawad Williams stopped the Tar Heels' drought with a tip-in and Marvin Williams added two free throws to make it 73-68. On the other end, DeMarcus Nelson missed the front end of a 1-and-1, and May powered inside for a three-point play to cut it to two.

North Carolina point guard Raymond Felton grabbed a loose ball and called a timeout with 27 seconds to play. After the break, Felton drove to the basket and was fouled. His first free throw cut Duke's lead to 73-72, but his second rebounded high off the rim.

Marvin Williams emerged from a scramble for the rebound and banked in the go-ahead basket over Duke defender Patrick Johnson. Fouled on the play, Williams hit the free throw to provide the final margin.



North Carolina's Sean May, right, shoots over Duke's Shelden Williams (23) during the first half of Sunday's game at the Dean Smith Center in Chapel Hill, N.C. No. 2 North Carolina shaded No. 6 Duke 75-73.

Men's conference tournament scoreboard

America East

Friday, March 4
Md.-Baltimore Co. 78, New Hampshire 73
Stony Brook 66, Hartford 62
Saturday, March 5
Vermont 76, Albany 69
Vermont 76, Md.-Baltimore Co. 61
Eastern Mass. 80, Stony Brook 59
Maine 47, Boston University 45
Sunday, March 6
Vermont 76, Boston University 69
Northeastern 68, Maine 71
Saturday, March 12
Championship
Vermont vs. Northeastern

Atlantic Sun

Thursday, March 3
Gardner-Webb 54, Troy 49
Central Florida 81, Mercer 68
Georgia State 69, Georgia State 61
Jacksonville 69, Lipscomb 64
Central Florida 66, Belmont 61
Gardner-Webb 77, Jacksonville 76
Central Florida 66, Belmont 61
Saturday, March 5
Championship
Central Florida 63, Gardner-Webb 54

Atlantic 10

Wednesday, March 9
Richmond vs. Rhode Island
Massachusetts vs. La Salle
Fordham vs. Duquesne
Dayton vs. St. Bonaventure
Thursday, March 10
Saint Joseph's vs. Richmond/Rhode Island
Georgia vs. Massachusetts
Georgetown vs. Washington vs. Fordham/Duquesne
Temple vs. Dayton vs. St. Bonaventure
Friday, March 11
Semifinals
Saturday, March 12
Championship

Big East

Wednesday, March 9
West Virginia vs. Providence
Georgia vs. Seton Hall
Notre Dame vs. Rutgers
Thursday, March 10
Boston College vs. W. Virginia/Providence
Villanova vs. Pittsburgh
Connecticut vs. Georgetown/Seton Hall
Seton Hall vs. Notre Dame/Rutgers
Friday, March 11
Semifinals
Saturday, March 12
Championship

Big Sky

Saturday, March 5
Montana St., Eastern Washington 48
Weber State 74, Sacramento State 71
Thursday, March 8
Portland State vs. Montana
Montana State vs. Weber St.
Wednesday, March 9
Championship

Big South

Thursday, March 9
Charleston Southern 66, Liberty 60
High Point 98, N.C.-Asheville 67
Winthrop 74, Coastal Carolina 62
Clemson 69, Western Carolina 67
Friday, March 10
Charleston Southern 58, High Point 55
Winthrop 76, Birmingham-Southern 64
Saturday, March 11
Championship
Winthrop 68, Charleston Southern 46

Colonial Athletic

Friday, March 4
William & Mary 65, James Madison 54
Delaware 76, Towson 56
Saturday, March 5
Old Dominion 64, William & Mary 51
Hofstra 89, Drexel 77
Va. Commonwealth 73, Delaware 61
N.C.-Wilmington 60, George Mason 47
Sunday, March 6
Old Dominion 72, Hofstra 53
Va. Commonwealth 67, N.C.-Wilmington 60
Monday, March 7
Championship
Old Dominion vs. Va. Commonwealth/N.C. Wilmington

Conference USA

Wednesday, March 9
Texas Christian vs. Marquette
Paul Smith vs. Tulane
Memphis vs. Saint Louis
Houston vs. South Florida
Thursday, March 10
Louisville vs. Tulane
Charlotte vs. Memphis/Saint Louis
Cincinnati vs. Mississippi State/Fordham
Friday, March 11
Semifinals
Saturday, March 12
Championship

Horizon League

Wednesday, March 9
Wright State 60, Butler 57
Indiana vs. Cleveland State
Illinois-Chicago 74, Cleveland State 65
Thursday, March 10
Detroit 61, Wright State 48
Wright State vs. Cleveland State
Saturday, March 12
Detroit 61, Wright State 48
W. Michigan 94, Loyola of Chicago 76
Monday, March 13
Championship
Detroit vs. W. Michigan

Metro Atlantic

Friday, March 4
Iona 68, Siena 51
St. John's 68, St. Francis 60
Manhattan 88, Loyola, Md. 67
Saturday, March 5
St. Peter's 73
Iona 78, St. Francis 69
Fairfield 62, Manhattan 60

Sunday, March 6
Niagara 69, Iona 66
Rider 76, Fairfield 74
Monday, March 7
Championship
Niagara vs. Rider

Mid-American

Monday, March 7
Marshall at Ohio
Central Michigan at Kent State
Eastern Michigan at Kent State
Northern Illinois at Buffalo
Ball State at Bowling Green
Thursday, March 10
Toledo vs. Northern Illinois/Buffalo
W. Michigan vs. E. Michigan/Akron
Miami (Ohio) vs. Ball State/Bowling Green
Ohio/Marshall vs. Kent State/C. Michigan
Friday, March 11
Semifinals
Saturday, March 12
Championship

Mid-Continent

Saturday, March 6
Oral Roberts 83, Southern Utah 59
Oakland, Mich. 67, Mo.-Kansas City 63
Friday, March 11
IUPUI-Indiana vs. W. Illinois
Valparaiso vs. Chicago State
Monday, March 14
Oral Roberts vs. IUPUI/W. Illinois
Oakland, Mich. vs. Valparaiso/Chicago State
Thursday, March 16
Championship

Mid-Eastern Athletic

Monday, March 7
Morgan State vs. Mid-Eastern State
Florida A&M vs. Howard
Thursday, March 10
Bethune-Cookman vs. N.C.
Delaware State vs. lowest-seeded winner
Hampton vs. middle-seeded winner
South Carolina State vs. Norfolk State
Coppin State vs. highest-seeded winner
Friday, March 11
Semifinals
Saturday, March 12
Championship

Missouri Valley

Thursday, March 10
Indiana State 63, Bradley 61
Drake 82, Evansville 68
Saturday, March 12
Southern Illinois 64, Indiana State 49
Western Missouri 70, Northern Iowa 62
Wichita State 72, Drake 68
Creighton 68, Southern Illinois 61
Wichita State vs. Creighton
Monday, March 13
Championship
SW Missouri vs. Wichita St./Creighton

Mountain West

Thursday, March 10
Utah vs. Colorado State
UNLV vs. Wyoming
New Mexico vs. Brigham Young
Air Force vs. San Diego State
Friday, March 11
Utah/Colorado State vs. UNLV-Wyoming
New Mexico/BYU vs. Air Force-San Diego St.
Saturday, March 12
Championship

Northeast

Thursday, March 3
Monmouth, N.J. 54, C. Connecticut 53
Fairleigh Dickinson 78, St. Francis, N.Y. 67
Wagner 69, Robert Morris 65
Long Island U. 76, St. Francis 67
Sunday, March 6
Wagner 63, Monmouth 61
LIU at Fairleigh Dickinson
Wednesday, March 9
Championship
Wagner vs. Fairleigh Dickinson

Ohio Valley

Thursday, March 10
Tennessee Tech 72, Eastern Illinois 68
Austin Peay 71, Sanford 69
Eastern Kentucky 74, Tennessee State 68
Southern Missouri 61, Murray State 58
Austin Peay 67, Tennessee Tech 61
Eastern Kentucky 69, St. Missouri 52
Saturday, March 12
Championship
Eastern Kentucky 52, Austin Peay 46

Patriot

Friday, March 4
Lehigh 77, Colgate 66
Holy Cross 76, Army 42
American 65, Navy 63
OT Bucknell 70, Lafayette 34
Thursday, March 10
Holy Cross 57, Lehigh 53, OT Bucknell 53
Friday, March 11
Championship
Bucknell at Holy Cross

Southeastern

Thursday, March 10
South Carolina vs. Mississippi
Mississippi State vs. Georgia
Arkansas vs. Tennessee
Vanderbilt vs. Auburn
Friday, March 11
Alabama vs. South Carolina/Mississippi
Florida vs. Mississippi State/Georgia
Kentucky vs. Arkansas/Tennessee
LSU vs. Vanderbilt/Auburn
Saturday, March 12
Semifinals
Monday, March 13
Championship

'Nooga wins SC title and NCAA berth

The Associated Press

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. — Charles Anderson's 13 points paced a balanced attack that carried Chattanooga to a 66-62 victory over North Carolina-Greensboro in Saturday night's championship game of the Southern Conference tournament.

Mindaugas Katelinas added 12 points and Chris Brown and Alfonso Pugh each scored 11 to help the Mocs (20-10) win their ninth title and first since 1997 in their first season under coach Jeff Shulman.

Chattanooga was in control most of the way, although the Spartans (18-12) made an 8-0 run to cut the lead to two points with 1:27 left. The Mocs made five of eight free throws down the stretch to keep North Carolina-Greensboro at bay.

Reserve Josh Gross scored 10 to lead Greensboro, Ricky Hickman added 13, Kyle Hines had 12 and Ronnie Burrell 10.

Shulman, who replaced current Auburn coach Jeff Lebo, shook his fist at the cheering crowd as he cut down a piece of the net.

Shulman left the rest of the net for Katelinas, the tournament MVP, who placed the strings around his neck.

Southern

Wednesday, March 2
Elon 64, Wofford 58
Georgia Southern 68, Western Carolina 57
East Tennessee State 65, Ferman 68
East Tennessee State 68, The Citadel 59
Thursday, March 3
Davidson 60
N.C.-Greensboro 73, Georgia Southern 71
East Tennessee State 70, Appalachian State 63, Charleston 50
Friday, March 4
N.C.-Greensboro 73, Davidson 68
Chattanooga 68, Appalachian State 51
Championship
Chattanooga 68, N.C.-Greensboro 62

Southland

Friday, March 3
Texas-Arlington at Northwestern (La.) St.
Arkansas State at Southern Louisiana
McNeese State at San Houston State
Texas A&M at Texas State
Thursday, March 10
Semifinals
Friday, March 13
Championship

Sum Belt

Friday, March 4
Fla. International 60, South Alabama 57
Arkansas State 64, North Texas 76
Middle Tennessee 77, New Mexico State 63
Cherokee 64, Arkansas State 72
Fla. International 60, Ark.-Little Rock 64
Denver 64, Arkansas State 60
Saturday, March 5
Western Kentucky vs. New Orleans
Arkansas State vs. New Orleans
Monday, March 8
Denver vs. Ark.-Little Rock
Fla. Intl. vs. La.-Lafayette/Middle Tenn.
Wednesday, March 8
Championship

West Coast

Friday, March 4
Pepperdine 68, Pacific Northwest 79
San Francisco 65, Portland 60
Santa Clara 67, San Francisco 60
San Diego 86, Pepperdine 80
Saturday, March 5
Gonzaga vs. Portland
Saint Mary's, Calif. vs. Santa Clara
Monday, March 8
Championship

Western Athletic

Thursday, March 9
Boise State vs. San Jose State
Friday, March 11
Boise State vs. Idaho
Idaho vs. Southern Methodist
Fresno State vs. Louisiana Tech
Nevada vs. Boise State/Texas
Friday, March 11
Semifinals
Monday, March 13
Championship

Hungry Gators take a bite out of Wildcats

Lee's final chance pays off as Florida ends its eight-game skid vs. Kentucky

BY MARK LONG
The Associated Press

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Matt Walsh heaved the ball into the stands, David Lee jumped onto a courtside table and Anthony Robertson ripped off his jersey.

Florida's "Big Three" celebrated their first victory over Kentucky like no other. "That was four years in the making right there," Lee said.

Robertson scored 21 points, including two free throws with 15 seconds remaining and the Gators upset the third-ranked Wildcats 53-52 on Sunday.

Florida ended an eight-game losing streak against the Southeastern Conference bully and probably ended the Wildcats' hopes of getting a top seed in the NCAA tournament.

"It was the greatest win of my life," Walsh said.

Robertson, the league's leading scorer, stripped the ball from Patrick Sparks with about 12 seconds to play and Florida trailing 52-51. Sparks compounded his mistake by fouling Robertson, an 88 percent free-throw shooter.

Robertson stepped to the line and calmly made both ends of the 1-and-1.

Kentucky (23-4, 14-2) still had a chance to win it, but Keleena Azubuike's three-point jumper, which he missed, bounced off the left side of the rim and into Walsh's hands.



Florida's Matt Walsh, right, and Taurean Green celebrate a 53-52 upset of Kentucky.

Then the celebration began.

Florida (20-7, 12-4) last beat the Wildcats in March 2001. The Gators have been close since, losing the last three at home by a combined seven points, but they hadn't been able to get over the hurdle.

The "Big Three" changed that Sunday.

Lee, the team's lone senior who was honored before his final home game, had lost

all eight previous meetings against Kentucky. Walsh and Robertson had been 0-6. "It's taken three years for me to win this on my home floor," Robertson said.

Walsh, Robertson and Lee combined for 43 of Florida's 53 points. Walsh and Lee each had 11. Lee added 10 rebounds, two assists, two steals and a blocked shot.

"It was just an exciting victory," said Lee, who also removed his shirt during the

postgame revelry. "I would have liked for it to not be so close. It would have been easier if we had won by 50 and gone out with 4 minutes to play and gotten everybody on. But any time you get a win against a top five team like Kentucky, as great as their tradition is, it just says a lot about our team."

Chuck Hayes led the Wildcats with 11 points. Azubuike and Randolph Morris each had nine.

It was just the fifth loss in the last 53 conference games for Kentucky, which failed to become the first team to reach 1,900 victories.

"Florida made big plays down the stretch," Wildcats coach Tubby Smith said. "That's what it's all about. In a tight, tough game like this, you've got to make plays. They did and we didn't."

Florida trailed 49-45 with about 2 minutes to play when Walsh made two key baskets. He grabbed a rebound off a miss by Sparks and made the layup on the other end. Sparks also fouled Walsh on the play, and Walsh converted the three-point play. After Sparks answered with a three-pointer that made it 52-48, Walsh hit a three-pointer from well beyond the top of the circle.

The outcome didn't change either team's seeding for next week's SEC tournament, but it could drastically alter their seeding in the NCAA tournament. Kentucky should fall in the polls, and even if the Wildcats win a third straight SEC tournament, it might not be enough to claim one of the top four seeds.

Florida, meanwhile, could return to The Associated Press' Top 25 for the first time since late November and probably will improve its NCAA seeding.

"It's a relief, but we've got to move on from March Madness. It's a conference battle. That's what we've got to use as it."

Downtrodden Missouri stuns Kansas in border war

The Associated Press

COLUMBIA, Mo. — Thomas Gardner matched his career best with 23 points and Linas Kleiza tied his with 14 rebounds, helping Missouri upset No. 7 Kansas 72-68 on Sunday, denying the Jayhawks the outright Big 12 title.

Fans from the first sellout of the season at the Mizzou Arena streamed onto the court at the finish as Missouri ended a four-game losing streak to its bitter border rival.

Wayne Simien had 17 points and eight rebounds for the Jayhawks (22-5, 12-4), who were bumped to the second seed in this week's Big 12 tournament behind co-champion Oklahoma. Simien, who had 57 points and 32 rebounds in his previous two games, went more than 15 minutes without being field goals in the first half Sunday.

Kansas' Keith Langford had five points in 3 minutes before re-injuring an ankle he hurt in practice last week. Langford is the Jayhawk's No. 2 scorer at 15.1 points per game.

Jimmy McKinney added a career-best 21 points and Kleiza had 15 as the Tigers (15-15, 7-9) played one of their best games of the season four days after losing by 18 points at Iowa State.

Kansas erased a 15-point second-half deficit before Missouri clinched it at the free throw line

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and with the help of two turn-overs in the final 90 seconds by Jayhawks point guard Aaron Miles. Missouri had only two field goals over the final 107 minutes, but was 7-for-10 at the line in the last 25 minutes.

In Saturday games:

Texas 74, No. 8 Oklahoma 51. Brad Buckman scored 27 points, then escaped being the goat of the game when Oklahoma State's Terrence Crawford failed to hit the tying free throws after being fouled by Buckman with 0.3 seconds to play.

After a career night, Brad Buckman could only wait and watch to see if Texas would pay for his one big mistake.

The Cowboys (20-6, 11-5 Big 12) rallied from six points down in the final 48 seconds before falling just short in a bid to extend their nation-leading home winning streak to 30 games.

No. 5 Boston College 78, Rutgers 66: Boston College clinched the Big East regular-season title and earned the No. 1 seed in next week's tournament behind a 21-point, 11-rebound performance by Jared Dudley.

Boston College (24-3, 13-3) fin-

ished tied with Connecticut for the best record, but it was the tiebreaker, having beaten the Huskies 75-70 in January.

Craig Smith had 13 points and 10 rebounds for the Eagles and Nate Dormekamp added a career-high 13 points.

Ricky Shields, who was playing his final home game, had 21 points to lead the Scarlet Knights.

Stanford 77, No. 10 Washington 67: Matt Haryasz had 24 points and 10 rebounds, and an inspired Stanford (17-11, 11-7 Pac-10) dashed the Huskies' hopes of gaining a share of the Pac-10 title.

The loss, combined with Arizona's victory over Arizona State, gave the Wildcats the conference title. The Wildcats (24-5, 14-4) haven't won a league championship since tying with Southern California in 1985.

No. 11 Arizona 70, Arizona State 68: Salim Stoudamire hit a double-pump 14-footer with six-tenths of a second to play to give Arizona (25-5, 15-3) the outright Pac-10 regular-season title. Arizona coach Lute Olson earned his 35th conference victory to break the Pac-10 record of 304 held by John Wooden.

The Wildcats won their 11th conference title and ninth outright after No. 10 Washington lost at Stanford earlier in the day, but Arizona had to work hard for its

20th victory in its last 21 meetings with Arizona State.

The Sun Devils (18-12, 7-11) rallied from 18 down in the first half to pull within one at the break, and from 15 behind in the second half to take a brief lead.

No. 14 Michigan State 90, Penn State 64: Alan Anderson scored 22 points and Chris Hill added 21 for the Spartans.

Kevin Tortorello and Maurice Ager each added 11 points for Michigan State (22-5, 13-3 Big Ten).

Ben Luber and Mike Walker each scored 12 for Penn State (7-22, 1-15). Danny Morrissey had 11 and Travis Parker added 10.

Michigan State will be the No. 2 seed behind top-ranked Illinois and will have a first-round bye in next week's Big Ten tournament.

The Spartans have won eight of their last nine games.

No. 17 Pacific 64, UC Riverside 48: Guillaume Yango had 12 points and 14 rebounds to help Pacific complete a perfect season in the Big West Conference.

Mike Webb added 10 points for Pacific (25-2, 18-0), which tied a school record by winning its 21st straight game.

Pacific held the Highlanders to just 14 first-half points, and led by 18 at the break.

Steve Williams had 16 points for the Highlanders (9-19, 4-14).

South Florida 85, No. 18 Charlotte 73: Terrence Leach scored 24 points and Brian Smith scored 20 to lead South Florida to one of the biggest wins in school history.

The loss was the second straight for Charlotte (21-6, 12-3), which performed much better the night like a team that didn't like to play for after Louisville clinched the Conference USA regular-season title by beating DePaul earlier in the day.

South Florida (12-15, 5-11) refused to buckle down the stretch. Marius Precievicius made a key three-pointer, and the Bulls made 11 consecutive free throws to ice it.

Brendan Plavich led Charlotte with 20 points, including six three-pointers.

No. 20 Oklahoma 74, Texas Tech 54: Kevin Bookout scored 15 points to lead Oklahoma, which handed Bob Knight his worst home loss at Texas Tech.

Oklahoma (23-6, 12-4 Big 12) came out strong in the second half, scoring on five of its first six possessions to put together a 12-0 run and go up 42-29.

No. 25 Nevada 73, San Jose State 69: Nick Fazekas had 28 points and eight rebounds, and Nevada (24-5, 16-2 Western Athletic Conference) rallied from a big early deficit for its 10th straight victory.

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Ohio State stuns Illinois

Sylvester's three-pointer caps career-high effort, hands No. 1 Illini first loss

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COLUMBUS, Ohio — Illinois is perfect no more.

Ohio State reserve forward Matt Sylvester hit a three-pointer with 5.1 seconds left on Sunday to hand the top-ranked Illini their first loss, 65-64.

The Illini (29-1, 15-1) were trying to cap the Big Ten's first unbeaten season in 29 years. Instead, they frittered away a 12-point lead in the second half and didn't score in the final three minutes.

Sylvester scored a career-high 25 points — eight more than his previous best — for a team that was banned by its own administrators from the postseason two months ago for alleged NCAA violations.

Ohio State (19-12, 8-8), a team with problems all year hanging onto the ball, didn't have a turnover in the second half. The Illini, who had huddled tough games in loud environments all season, had seven turnovers after halftime.

It was the second straight season a team coached by Thad Matta ended a run at perfection. Matta's Xavier team handed Saint Joseph's its first loss last season in the Atlantic 10 tournament.

The last team to reach the NCAA tournament without a loss was UNLV in 1991.

The Illini led 64-58 after James Augustine's layup with 3:23 left — but didn't score again.

The Buckeyes ran off the next seven points, with Terence Dials, who had 21 points, scoring on a half-hook before Sylvester drove the lane for a left-handed scoop to cut the lead to 64-62 with 1:40 remaining.

With just more than a minute left, Illinois' Deron Williams drove the lane and wrapped a pass around a defender to Roger Powell, but Dials swatted the shot away to teammate Je'Kel Foster. Sylvester missed a 15-footer for the Buckeyes and then Illinois' Luther Head misfired on a three-pointer with 17 seconds left.

Ohio State called a timeout with 12 seconds left. Foster inbounded to Brandon Puse-Cheatham, who passed to Sylvester on the right wing, in front of the Ohio State bench. His quick shot seemed to surprise the Illini, nestling in the net while a capacity crowd at Value City Arena roared.

After a timeout, a pass was tipped out of bounds in front of the Illinois bench. The Illini had one last chance with 2.2 seconds left. Williams passed to Powell, but his hurried three-pointer from the top of the circle was well short and off the mark.

Fans rushed the court after the buzzer sounded, snapping photos, jumping up and down and slapping the Buckeyes on the back.

Dee Brown led the Illini with 13 points, although he was rattled all day by chants of "air ball" after several errant second-half shots. He was 3-of-11 from the field and had only five points over the final 34 minutes. Powell and Head each added 12 points.

Williams, who came in averaging 12.8 points a game, was 1-for-7 from the field and finished with two points.

Foster added 10 points for Ohio State, which enters this week's Big Ten tournament as the No. 6 seed.

The Illini were 9-for-27 (33 percent) from the field in the second half.



Ohio State's Matt Sylvester drives for two of his 25 points as Illinois' James Augustine looks on during. Sylvester hit a game-winning three-pointer to hand the top-ranked Illini their first loss of the season.

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